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Dr. Simpson's Legacy

"The College is indebted to him," one faculty member said. "He took a school which still had many of the vestiges of a vocational - educational college and really shaped it into a liberal arts college with high standards and a good reputation."

The faculty member was speaking of Dr. Grellet C. Simpson, the President of Mary Washington College who will retire after more than eighteen years as head of the institution. The eighteen years have seen a number of obvious changes at the College, including the separation from the University of Virginia, the admission of male students, the growth in the physical plant, and the relaxation of social restrictions, but an extremely important but more gradual change has also occurred in the area of academics. This is highlighted through recognition of the College by Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, and the Southern Universities Conference, each of which has come during the presidency of Dr. Simpson. And some feel that Dr. Simpson has been, in many ways, personally responsible for the distinctive growth and strength of the academic program at Mary Washington College.

"I think his major accomplishments have been in terms of the academic program and the liberal arts concept here," said Dr. Ray Merchent, Vice President of the College. "My impression is that when Dr. Simpson came here, although the College was by legislative act a liberal arts college, it was not that in fact, and I think he has moved the College into a quality liberal arts program with quality faculty and students to back it up."

He continued,"It all ties in together, really, with the direction he gave: he improved the quality and number of the faculty, his academic programs have kept pace with the times, and we have brought in students who are interested in this type of program. The result has been quality. And of course liberal arts is where our strength is."

Dr. Grellet C. Simpson through the years at Mary Washington College

The value of the liberal arts education has always been one of the tenets of Dr. Simpson's philosophy. He once called it "a marvelous and wondrous odyssey of education...an experiment which must concern itself with questions of meaning, questions of standards and traditions, and questions of value, including moral, ethical, and even spiritual values." And he sees the liberal arts school as a place "of liberation, not indoctrination," a place which should create the proper climate for intellectual exploration.

"In other words," he once said, "it is not so much the job of the College to provide answers as it is to equip the students with the ability to seek their own answers."

Some scholars have noted, however, that the liberal arts education has been coming under increasing attack as a viable background for life in the modern day world, where technological or vocational training might sometimes be more useful.

But Dr. Simpson views the liberal arts education as vital to all. As he told a reporter, "It is essential for the future of our civilization that our educational opportunities provide, and that our society sustain and maintain, informed intellectuals."

Dr. George Van Sant, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, noted that "Dr. Simpson has always been an articulate and outspoken supporter of liberal education. He's done so at every opportunity. I'm wondering if they're not a vanishing breed, these people who will be public spokesmen as to the value and virtue of the liberal arts education. I for one hope that's not the case. Liberal education is under fire in many places - a national trend, really - but with the basis Dr. Simpson has developed at Mary Washington, we should have no trouble in that way."

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"He enjoys privacy, even solitude at times...yet we know he is the most affable of hosts, enjoys both entertaining and being entertained..." - R. W. Whidden

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Dr. Merchent said that Mary Washington College "is a true liberal arts college," particularly as compared to many other colleges who have had backgrounds similar to Mary Washington. "Alot of colleges say they're liberal arts institutions," he said,"but many of them who have our type of past are still, using exaggerated figures, 75% teacher education and 25% otherwise.

As to the future of the liberal arts at Mary Washington College, Dr. Merchent said that "it may be in the future that the program may be expanded to include some other areas, but certainly we would not do this at the expense of what is really our strongest area. And liberal arts is, I repeat, where our strength is. It is a quality program, and it will be Dr. Simpson's legacy to Mary Washington College."

One area of significant development within the realm of the liberal arts education at Mary Washington has been in the area of increased individual responsibility on the part of the students. Relaxation of restrictions on dress, on-campus drinking, off-campus housing, attendance in class, and on other formerly regulated areas of student life, have come gradually. Dr. Simpson eased the transitions by his belief that individual responsibility is an intregral part of the liberal arts education.

"Repression," he said in an interview in the mid-1960's, "often causes the least desired result. The concept of freedom is basic to any valid educational experience. The student's codes of value, either academic or moral, cannot be dictated, but must emanate from the system itself."

And in a later interview he pointed out that "by strenghtening the basic pattern of your own student government and by defining the relationships of all areas of student life, responsibility is clarified...as a result of this, many things which students wish will come so easily and naturally that it will surprise you."

Even during the 1968-1970 period of mild unrest on the Mary Washington College campus, Dr. Simpson maintained his belief in the basis of student freedom. "I didn't like the methods the students used," he said in a recent interview, "but their basic concerns were essential. Someone needed to rock the academic world - and someone still does in some respects."

Typical of Dr. Simpson's understanding nature was his response to the first wave of protest over what some construed to be a slap at religion in one 1968 issue of *The Bullet*. "Most of the townspeople objecting to that edition of the paper," he said then, "either haven't seen it or haven't read it." According to the Associated Press story at the time, Simpson said he viewed the edition as simply a reflection of a growing trend by Mary Washington students to question establishment attitudes. "It's not always a comfortable trend," he said then,"but I think it's a healthy one."

In 1969 and 1970 nationwide campus protests against the Vietnam War were developing, and although the protests were relatively mild at Mary Washington, it was still a difficult time.

Dr. Van Sant recalled those years, and Dr. Simpson's role in them. "I think Dr. Simpson did about as good a job as could have been done in those circumstances," he said. "Particularly in terms of placating the local community - and things were politically rough then - and, on the other hand, keeping the students in line, keeping that small group from tearing the place to pieces, either figuratively or literally. I think he handled it awfully well. I think he was flexible and fair but still firm in leaving no doubt in anyone's mind as to how far he was willing to go."

Dr. Van Sant continued, "He is a formidable man, an impressive man, but fair-minded and realistic and, I've found, he's fun to argue with. And I think Dr. Simpson, through his own example, has shown the College how well a good and scholarly man can function in challenging surroundings."

As fitting tribute, the College recognized and honored the retiring President in Commencement 1974. Dean James H. Croushore addressed the audience and spoke of how through forty-four years of service to education, including the time spent as President of Mary Washington College, Dr. Grellet C. Simpson "has supported by personal conviction and professional leadership, the worth and vitality of liberal learning. His leadership and the accompanying vision leave to Mary Washington College and to the Commonwealth of Virginia a legacy of academic excellence and devotion to wisely selected and carefully articulated educational goals.

"Beyond question," the Dean continued, "President Simpson has furnished full evidence that the scholarly life is not a retreat from the affairs of men but a complete absorption in them. By thus enhancing the role of the scholar he has enriched academic tradition and demonstrated its vital necessity to public conscience and private judgment.

"Therefore," the Dean concluded," with the unanimous approval of the Faculty of Mary Washington College, I am privileged to present as candidate for the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Grellet Collins Simpson."

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"We Shall Not Look Upon His Like Again"

by Dr. Reginald W. Whidden

When President Simpson came to Mary Washington College eighteen years ago, he came to an institution which was - to use a phrase he applied much later to the development of individual students - in search of its identity. It had a good faculty and a delightful and competent student body, a beautiful campus and many fine buildings, a tradition of feminine gentility and a certain prestige from being the women's college of the University of Virginia. But it had gone through a period of bitter dissension which involved students, faculty and administrative officers and which culminated in the removal from office of the incumbent president. Furthermore, because of a decline in the number of students entering college, the institution had retreated from the somewhat puristic conception of the liberal arts which it supposedly had espoused at the time of the coordination with the College of Arts and Sciences in Charlottesville. Among the secondary schools of the state it was still known perhaps most widely for its excellent program in business education and for its relatively recent status as part of the University.

He was young or middle aged (depending on the point of view); he came from a family eminent in educational circles in Virginia; he had been a popular teacher and successful dean in a small denominational college for men which was familiar to Mary Washington College students for certain good and sufficient reasons but was well known in the academic community for a long tradition of sound education in the liberal arts and sciences. He had ideas which he knew how to express, he had clearly conceived goals for the College whose leadership he was assuming, and he had a capacity to generate support and enthusiasm among students and faculty in the common effort to achieve these goals.

Physical and Academic Growth

Although Dr. Combs established what we still think of as the central campus and carried out a building program that was the envy of the other state colleges, Dr. Simpson has presided over the construction of just about as many buildings, including the science hall conceived by and named for Dr. Combs, and the long needed physical education center, Goolrick Hall. Nor should we forget the enlargement of E. Lee Trinkle Library, an essential element in the academic progress taking place; nor the handsome new dormitories which, unlike those in some Virginia institutions, have almost always been fully occupied. For, despite some implications to the contrary, Mary Washington under Dr. Simpson has not overbuilt.

The increase in the number of dormitories has reflected, of course, an increase in the size of the student body, accompanied by a corresponding and proportionate increase in the size of the faculty. Dr. Simpson had a great deal to do with improving the academic qualifications of our own growing student body. With the support of the Board of Visitors and the approval of the State Council of Higher Education (including, we should note, Mary Washington's president-elect, Dr. Woodard), he encouraged the Committee on Admissions to choose among applicants to this College those who seemed the most likely to succeed in a sound and rigorous program in the liberal arts and sciences.

This policy was in accord with the main impetus of Dr. Simpson's academic leadership, which has been to emphasize the continued validity in the modern technical world of liberalizing (that is liberating) education. The policy may have led to disappointment for those who have felt that their own disciplines were undervalued or those who would have preferred a less selective admissions policy. But it has been based on honest educational convictions and carried out with consistency and success. As a result, it has been a source of pride for most faculty members, for most students and, I believe, most alumni.

President Simpson's concept of the liberal arts and sciences is not an exclusive or restrictive one, though, and he has encouraged the setting up of new courses, new majors, and even new departments which promised to advance the main purpose of the College. His establishment of the annual exhibition of modern painting helped to revitalize the study of art and for ten years brought stimulation to both campus and community. The faculty exchange program with Indian women's colleges - in which he took a decisive part - enlarged international understanding and was influential in the formulation of the Asian Studies and other area-centered majors.

Yet Dr. Simpson, a teacher himself for many years, has always recognized that new courses and programs (or traditional ones, for that matter) are mere window dressing without a faculty able to activate and carry them on. Hence he saw to it that the departments recruited wisely - men and women not only well schooled in their disciplines but eager and able to communicate and exchange ideas with students. More sophisticated in its effect has been his insistence that methods of instruction as well as academic requirements be correlated with the changing academic background and abilities of our undergraduates. This insistence, reiterated over a number of years, was germinal in the development of the extraordinarily full and diverse program of studies now available to Mary Washington students.

Wider Recognition

Like all good humanists, President Simpson is more concerned with realities than with appearances, with the quality of education than with what persons outside think about the institution. Nevertheless, he cares, perhaps more than anyone else, about the reputation of the College. It is gratifying to know, then, that the results of his leadership have not gone unnoticed. Among the institutions of higher learning in the state, in the secondary schools, certainly in the State Council of Higher Education, perhaps even in the General Assembly, Mary Washington is recognized as outstanding.

Regional and national recognition have come, too, partly as a result of Dr. Simpson's own contributions to national organizations (like the Association of American Colleges), partly as a result of faculty participation in professional societies and associations, partly as consequence of joint or institutional effort. Most significant, probably, are membership in the select group of institutions making up the Southern Universities Conference, and, perhaps the most coveted of honors among liberal arts institutions, membership in Phi Beta Kappa. And although Mary Washington might long before have achieved this position as a college of the University of Virginia, President Simpson and his faculty committee of Phi Beta Kappa members chose to wait until the society recognized Mary Washington for its own merits.

These same merits must have been decisive for everyone involved when, on the recommendation of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, the General Assembly made Mary Washington an independent institution once again. I would guess this action - not the separation from the University but the demonstration of confidence in the academic integrity and the potential for growth of Mary Washington College - is the achievement in which President Simpson takes greatest satisfaction as he himself looks back on the accomplishments of eighteen years.

Shifting Responsibilities

During part of this period, while he was leading the faculty in its efforts to develop a modern curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences and an instructional program that would ensure effective learning in and out of the classroom, Dr. Simpson was often preoccupied by problems which must have been particularly trying. These arose from conditions we can too easily forget in quieter times - the general unrest among college students, the shifts in their moral and social values, their insistence on greater personal freedom and a share in the power to shape their own education al destinies.

Early in his tenure at the College he had given a strong hint of his attitude toward student development and institutional protectiveness when he ordered taken down the chain-link fence topped with strands of barbed wire which was supposed to cut off the campus from Sunken Road. I have always looked back on this step as symbolic of his view of undergraduate maturity. Suffice it to say that, by giving students more and more responsibility as they seemed ready to accept it, by saying 'No' firmly when he had to, and by resisting pressures from both inside and outside the College to reverse changes in young people which he knew were irreversible, he succeeded in bringing Mary Washington through an extremely difficult period. Relationships between students, faculty, and administration remained generally, if not invariably, good; and there was no serious damage to either academic progress or public image, despite the resentment created by some issues of *The Bullet*. If you will recall the conflicts, even the violence, that occurred at many other institutions, you will admire Dr. Simpson's achievement in avoiding any but the mildest sort of confrontation.

Like the good Chaucerian he is, he has a broad, sympathetic, and humorous appreciation for all kinds of human beings and human behavior. Where he draws the line, though, is at certain kinds of human wrongdoing. For corruption, dishonesty, or hypocrisy he has no tolerance, only a deeply felt and occasionally explosive contempt. The basis for this, like the basis for his particular kind of conservatism, probably the foundation too of his educational philosophy and even his character, is his belief in the paramount importance in human life and human society of the integrity of the social and moral responsibility of the individual.

These are some personal impressions of the man we honor now, for what he is and for all he has done for Mary Washington College during the past eighteen years. For myself, may I adapt Hamlet's words and insist that "He is a man, take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again."

Dr. Whidden , Professor Emeritus, is a former Dean of the College. An expanded version of this text was delivered by the author at the alumni homecoming meeting April 27, 1974.

From The Hill . . .

Good Academic Reputation Cited By Freshmen

The results of a survey conducted last August at Mary Washington College by the American Council on Education (ACE) has shown that more than eighty per cent of incoming freshmen chose to attend Mary Washington because of "its good academic reputation." The survey also showed that freshmen entering Mary Washington in August tended to be 18 years of age, Caucasian, native-born Americans, who were 1973 graduates from high school where they tended to earn grades slightly higher than those earned by their peers attending colleges nationwide.

The questionnaire survey, which was answered by 601 of the 640 incoming students, was conducted during freshman orientation preceeding the opening of school for the 1973-74 session. According to A. Ray Merchent, Vice President of the College and Director of Institutional Studies, the survey was undertaken so that "certain demographic information about students enrolling at the College could be obtained and then compared to the national norm" as determined by a composite ACE survey.

The survey suggested that the freshman class, although a little more conservative than other freshman classes around the nation, still appeared to be typical in many ways to their peers attending other colleges. One summary of the survey said that "the Mary Washington College freshmen have similar ideas to the national group about political trends and social movements. One possible exception is the fact that MWC freshmen did not place as much weight on the speed of the government's move to desegregate as did the national norm. The MWC freshman tended more toward a self-reported conservative political orientation than was true nationally."

The Mary Washington College class did tend to come from more financially affluent families, the report said, and the parents of the students had attained formal education at a higher level than parents of freshmen at other colleges.

In listing the primary reasons for attending Mary Washington College, 80.9 per cent of the freshmen mentioned its good academic reputation as being a deciding factor. The report said 32.9 per cent mentioned the College's provision for living away from home, 29.7 per cent mentioned its special educational programs, and 25 per cent mentioned the College's low tuition. Other reasons listed included advice from the College's alumni, from parents, teachers, or guidance counselors, or the College's offer of financial assistance.

It was discovered by the ACE survey that approximately half of the freshmen applied either exclusively to Mary Washington College or to MWC and only one other college. Also, the survey found that more than two-thirds of the freshmen lived within a hundred miles of the College, primarily in the Richmond, Tidewater, Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg areas.

Popular major study fields indicated by the College freshmen were the health professions (nursing, physical therapy), education, the arts, and biological sciences. Nationally, education headed the list, and was followed by the health professions and the arts. Business, which was ranked fourth nationally as a major field, was eleventh on the preferred list of Mary Washington College freshmen.

Mr. Merchent said that another survey of incoming freshmen will be taken in August during freshmen orientation, and that a survey would probably be taken every other year after that. He said that the ongoing surveys will provide the College with ways of monitoring changes in attitudes on the part of students at Mary Washington College.

Another Senior Named Commonwealth Intern

For the sixth time in the past seven years, a Mary Washington College senior has been selected for a position in Virginia's Commonwealth Intern Program.

Miss Laurel Anne Corner, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, has been chosen as one of only five from the State who will participate in the 1974 revolving intern program within the State administrative system. The internship, which will begin July 1, 1974, and which will last for one year, allows recent graduates to work in a variety of State agencies and to participate directly in each department's operation.

Each intern will receive one or more assignments of several month's duration in central staff and line agencies. Placement is designed for maximum utilization of the intern's prior training and education.

Miss Corner, a geography major, has expressed an interest in cartography.

President of the Honor Council this year, she was recently named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She has served as secretary of the student senate and as judicial assistant in her residence hall, as well as having served on a number of student-faculty committees.

Former Mary Washington College students who were selected as Virginia Commonwealth Interns are *Ann Campbell* Wright, 1968, *Janis Cash* Weisburg, 1969, *Patricia J. Kelley*, 1971, *E. C. Holloway*, 1972, and *Judith Parker*, 1973.

Board Discusses Personnel Changes

Personnel matters, including the election of three new faculty members and the promotion of twenty-one others, highlighted the docket of the April 6 meeting of the College's Board of Visitors.

Appointed to the faculty for the next school session were Mr. Johnny P. Johnson as Instructor in education, Mr. Damon J. Gross as Instructor in philosophy, and Mrs. Constance F. Smith as Instructor in English. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Smith have served previously as members of the Mary Washington College faculty.

Mr. Johnson, who is teaching this year in the Fredericksburg public school system, has for three of the past five years been an instructor in art or education at Mary Washington College. An award-winning painter, he is a graduate of Virginia State College and completed his Master of Fine Arts degree at Howard University.

Mr. Gross, a graduate of Doane College, Nebraska, is in the final stages of study for his doctoral degree from the University of Iowa, where he received his M.A. degree in philosophy. An instructor in philosophy this year at Witchita State University, he has also served as Traveling Scholar under the auspices of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation at Indiana University.

Mrs. Smith, a native of Richmond, Virginia, received her B. A. from the University of Maryland and her M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, where she has completed all coursework toward her Ph.D. in English. A former Danforth and Woodrow Wilson Fellow, she taught at Mary Washington in the 1970-71 school year and has taught at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Board of Visitors also acted on a proposal by President Simpson and approved the promotions of twenty-one members of the faculty.

Ascending faculty steps within academic departments are Assistant Instructor, Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor.

Those promoted from Associate Professor to Professor were: Bulent Atalay, physics; Glen Thomas, American studies; Roy Weinstock, psychology; Cornelia Oliver, art; Paul Slayton, education; Mary Kelly, Director of the Counseling Center; and Ray Merchent, Vice President and Director of Institutional Studies.

Promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor were: John Bruckner, modern foreign languages; Danial Brown, English; Joseph Dolnes, education; Lucille Jones, classics; John Lamph, art; Alexander Lindsey, mathematics; Roy Smith, psychology; and Edward Allison, Comptroller.

Instructors promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor were: Michael Bass, biology; Sonja Dragomanovic, physical education; Kathleen Harty, physical education; Leslie Pitts, physics; and Jacqueline Vawter, education.

Anne Bruckner, Registrar and Director of Financial Aid, was promoted from Assistant Instructor to Instructor.

The Board of Visitors also accepted the resignations of Phyllis North, an Assistant Professor of art who has been associated with the College for three years, and Barbara Alden, the Archivist for the College since 1962 who wished to take an early retirement. Miss North's resignation was effective May 18, while Miss Alden, who holds the academic rank of Instructor in bibliography, will resign effective June 30.

Mr. Hewetson And Miss Benton Retire

The imminent retirements of Mr. Henry Hewetson, Professor of Economics and Political Science, and Miss Rachel Benton, Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, were announced at the final 1974 meeting of the Mary Washington College faculty. They have taught a total of forty-three years at the College.

Mr. Hewetson, a native of Toronto, studied for his undergraduate degree at the University there, received his master's degree from the University of British Columbia, and was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He has been a member of the Mary Washington College faculty since 1948, and is associated with numerous national and international economic and honorary societies.

Miss Benton, who has instructed at Mary Washington College for seventeen years, has served as chairman of her department and has received numerous honors in her field on state, district and national levels. A native of Indianapolis, Ind., she studied for a B.A. at De Pauw University, and received both her master's and doctorate degree from the University of Iowa.

Commencement 1974 Honors Dr. Simpson And 365 Seniors

Highlighting the 1974 Commencement exercises at Mary Washington College were the awarding of bachelor's degrees to 365 seniors and an honorary degree to President Grellet C. Simpson. The traditional outdoor ceremonies were held Saturday evening, May 18.

An honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, the first honorary degree ever awarded by MWC, was presented to Dr. Simpson by the College's Board of Visitors with the unanimous approval of the faculty. The award was presented in honor of Dr. Simpson's contributions not only to MWC, where he has been President for more than 18 years, but to higher education in Virginia and the field of the liberal arts and sciences.

In addition, the Class of 1974 honored the retiring President with a facsimile set of illuminated manuscripts from a monastery in Mt. Athos, Greece.

The annual Darden Award and Simpson Award for Undergraduate Teaching were also awarded during the Commencement ceremonies.

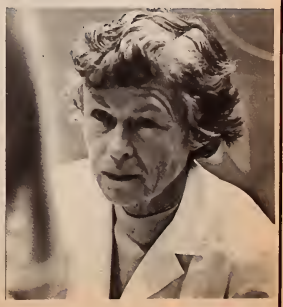
The recipient of the Darden Award, given annually to the senior who has the highest academic average during her years at MWC, was Miss Vanessa Theresa Valldejuli, who majored in Spanish and achieved a perfect 4.0 average during her four years of study. Graduating with final honors and with highest distinction, Miss Valldejuli is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Valldejuli, she is a graduate of Granby High School in Norfolk.

Miss Anna Scott Hoye, Professor of Biology, was named the third recipient of the Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. *(See box below)*

President Simpson, in his final message to a graduating class before his retirement June 30, extolled "those persons who have left their mark upon the world," and urged the graduates to make wise use of time and energy in search of fulfillment in their lives.

COMMENCEMENT 1974

One senior could only watch as the Processional moved up College Drive. She did manage, however, to make it through the line to receive her diploma.



Dr. Anna Scott Hoye *was the recipient of the 1974 Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at Mary Washington College.*

A Professor of Biology, she has been a member of the College faculty since 1940. She holds a B.A. degree from Lynchburg College and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

Recognition conferred by this award is directed toward an individual faculty member, but it is also an acknowledgement of the emphasis marking all faculty endeavor and the whole instructional program of the College.

Previous recipients of this award are Dr. Carmen Rivera and Dr. Sidney Mitchell.

"Politics Is An Honest Profession. . ."

(Editor's note: Dr. Lewis P. Fickett, Jr., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Economics and Political Science at Mary Washington College, was elected to and served in the 1974 Virginia General Assembly.

Having received a leave-of-absence from the College, he went to Richmond to represent the 24th Legislative District, which includes the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Hanover and Caroline. Del. Fickett was very active as a freshman legislator, most notably as a member of the House Education Committee and as sponsor of a bill which would have provided free textbooks for elementary school children in the state's public schools.

He was also outspoken in his objections to a bill which would have prohibited all state employees, including teachers, from running for state elective office. He was joined in this fight by another freshman delegate, George M. Grayson, a former professor at Mary Washington College, who was elected to represent the Williamsburg area district. Ultimately, their colleagues agreed with the contention that the bill would deny a large body of state citizens the equal rights and protection under the law as guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution, and the bill was defeated.

Del. Fickett also came out strongly against a proposal which would have given the State Council on Higher Education a stronger role in coordinating college degree programs and budgetary matters. At the time, Del. Fickett pointed out that the proposal "posed a threat to the integrity, autonomy and quality of the small and medium sized colleges of the State," a grouping which would of course include Mary Washington College.

A former Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. State Department, Dr. Fickett has been a member of the faculty of Mary Washington College since 1963.)

Del. Fickett (right) makes a point after a session recesses

by Dr. Lewis P. Fickett, Jr.

Years ago, when my grandfather was elected to the Maine State Legislature, I had the privilege of spending my spring vacation with him. It was a great experience for a 14-year-old boy, and it was then that I resolved that someday I would try to serve in a state legislature myself. My grandfather bequeathed me a great political legacy. He said one day, "Lewis, if you are ever elected to public office, ask one and only one thing of every question before you - what is right?" I have never forgotten that. And though public questions are often very difficult and very sensitive, I still ask myself that question. Once I have answered that question, I feel at peace and I feel that I have honored his memory and his wisdom. I would advise every freshman legislator to do the same.

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It has been said that the Virginia General Assembly is not only the oldest legislative body in the United States (1619), but one of the finest. Following my 'freshman year' in this "House of Burgesses," I agree with that observation. The reason is very simple. The key element in any great institution is the quality of its leadership and of its personnel. This is true in business, in the academic world, and it is especially true in government.

The key leader in the General Assembly is the Speaker of the House, John Warren Cooke. I heard many fine comments about him before I served in the General Assembly. But, having served with him for sixty days, I can only say, "It's all true." I have never known a man in public life who combined so many fine qualities - integrity, ability, fairness, and most rare of all for a politician, genuine humility. For the rest of my life, when I think of the phrase, sometimes misapplied, a 'true Virginia Gentleman,' I will always think of John Warren Cooke. If we had had such a leader as Mr. Cooke at the top in Washington, there would never have been a Watergate. A leader like the Speaker sets the tone for the whole institution.

The quality of the Virginia General Assembly lies not only in its extraordinary Speaker. The top leadership, as well, consists of a whole group of very able and conscientious men. A. L. Philpott, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, has to be rated as one of Virginia's great constitutional lawyers - a man who always has the courage to say what he thinks. Both the majority leader, James Thompson, and the minority leader, 'Pete' Giesen, are men of considerable ability and eminent fairness. Likewise, one must rate the affable Hardaway Marks and the eloquent Ray Garland. One could go on. The point is a basic and important one. Regardless of political philosophy, regardless of party label, the leadership of the Virginia General Assembly is top-drawer in all respects.

In conference with fellow Delegate Robert Gwathmey and Stafford County officials

And as Robert Frost once said in another connection, "that has made all the difference."

I was also impressed with all the Committee Chairmen in the General Assembly and the ordinary legislators as well. Of course, we did not always agree - that's democracy - but I developed a healthy respect for all 99 members of the House of Delegates. There was one exception - a self-seeking demagogue - but this one exception proved the rule. All I can say is - in all humility - Virginia is fortunate, indeed, to have such a group of men who will sacrifice their own personal affairs to serve the public interest. As long as we have such men, the Commonwealth is in good hands.

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Let me turn now to the legislative process in Virginia. However good the personnel, I think we must face the reality that a 60 day session is not long enough to deal with the myriad problems of a modern urban state of five million people. Clearly the 30 day 'off-year session' is inadequate. While it is vitally important to preserve the concept of the able citizen-legislator, who does not depend on his legislative salary, time is still of the essence. I agree with majority leader Thompson and others that a 90 day session every year is a must in the future. Otherwise, we will continually face those 19-hour marathons which we suffered in the closing days of the Assembly this year. And a 19 hour day is not conducive to the enactment of good and thoughtful legislation. Indeed, some of the major pieces of legislation came to us on that seemingly endless Saturday at the close of the session. That situation must be corrected.

The Committee system is crucial to the functioning of any legislative process in perfecting 'good' legislation and disposing of 'bad' legislation. The tortuous process of a bill - first through the House committee, then the House itself, then the Senate committee, and finally the senate itself - is admittedly slow and cumbersome. One remedy presents itself from the vantage point of close observation: one step could be easily eliminated if both the House and Senate committees were to convene as joint committees. This is not a novel idea, and it is indeed already practiced in several other states. The advantages are obvious. Joint House and Senate committee consideration of bills would considerably expedite the hearing process. Moreover, it would provide an opportunity for representatives of both chambers to to learn and to gain an understanding of the other house's attitude. The protocol of who would chair the joint committee could be easily solved by rotation between the senior Senate member of the committee and the senior House member of the committee. If adopted, this procedural change would, in my view, have a salutary and expeditious effect on the entire legislative process of the Virginia General Assembly.

Two other suggested improvements come to mind. First, the pre-filing of bills should be greatly stimulated. This could be done by permitting members to obtain co-patrons once the legislature was in session by simply affixing a co-patron list on the printed bill and requiring the list to be affixed by a certain date. This change would encourage the pre-filing of bills and it would have the advantage of placing more legislation before the General Assembly at a much earlier stage than is now possible.

Finally, there is no doubt that improved facilities and support for the General Assembly are urgently needed. Older members are correct when they call attention to the excellent changes which have already taken place in recent years, such as making available to the legislators offices, stenographic assistance, and legislative assistants. More is required: the need for better facilities for public hearings is manifest to anyone who has witnessed the turning away of many interested members of the public prior to crucial public hearings on major bills. Office facilities are still inadequate for members of the General Assembly. Old hotel rooms are better than nothing, but they were not designed to be efficient offices. But these improvements will undoubtedly come over time, when budgetary considerations permit. It is clearly 'penny wise and pound foolish' to try to run a 6.2 billion dollar business as it was run when that business had only one tenth of the volume which it has today.

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State government is tremendously important. Much of the glamour of government is concentrated on the federal level. Nevertheless, education, health, transportation, protection of the consumer, and the administration of justice are not unimportant issues in our society. If legislators are to deal wisely with these issues, they need public knowledge and public support for what they are trying to accomplish. The newspapers, radio and television do a fine job in this connection, but they can only stimulate interest. It is the people themselves who must become interested and informed about vital public issues.

Most important of all, if we are going to restore integrity to American government, we must recapture that great legacy left us by the Founding Fathers, some of whom were great Virginians, that politics is an honorable profession. It is sad, indeed, for me to hear some disillusioned citizens say as they do today, "You may be honest yourself, but I don't want my child to be a politician."

I was reared by a father and a grandfather, active in state politics, who believed that active participation in the political process at whatever level, was one of the highest forms of patriotism. In a cynical age where technology changes everything very rapidly, some eternal verities still remain as beacon lights in the conduct of human affairs. One of these, which applies from the court house to the White House, is that 'a public office is a public trust.' Another, which John Warren Cooke personifies, is that good men make all the difference in bringing us good government. That is why all Virginians can and should be proud of their General Assembly.

Alumni Honor The Simpsons And Dr. Alvey

For Homecoming '74, more than 750 alumni gathered at Mary Washington College to honor President Simpson, Dr. Alvey, and the reunion classes of 1919, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969.

Highlighting the weekend were the first sales of Dr. Alvey's *History of Mary Washington College, 1908 - 1972*, the naming of the recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the new Grellet C. Simpson International Scholarship, and the unveiling of a specially commissioned portrait of the retiring President.

Also included in the weekend were a Friday evening reception for Dr. and Mrs. Simpson, a Saturday morning alumni meeting featuring a scholarly address on Dr. Simpson by Dr. Reginald W. Whidden, a Saturday afternoon outdoor luncheon at Brompton, individual class reunion meetings, and a Saturday evening Homecoming Banquet.

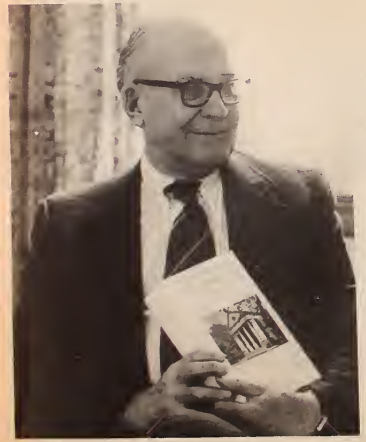
Named as Distinguished Alumni were Mrs. *Phoebe Enders* Willis and Mrs. *Rachael Wingfield* DeAngelo. *(See special box on following page)*

Miss Heidi Dian Klussman, an MWC sophomore from Peabody, Mass., was named as the first recipient of the Grellet C. Simpson International Scholarship, funded by the Alumni Association for an MWC student to study abroad. Miss Klussman, who is majoring in German, plans to spend next year studying in Munich, Germany.

The portrait of Dr. Simpson was painted by Eric Isenburger, a former visiting artist at the College who last year was commissioned by the Alumni Association to execute the painting in honor of President Simpson's retirement. The portrait, accepted for the College by Mrs *Irene Lundy* Brown, a member of the College's Board of Visitors, was later hung in the lobby of George Washington Hall.

Alumni lined up in the Dome Room of Seacobeck Hall to greet Dr. and Mrs. Simpson.

(Right) Members of the Class of of 1954 gather around their now twenty-year-old yearbook. (Below) Dr. Whidden spoke at the Saturday morning Homecoming meeting. His topic was Dr. Simpson (see Page 3).



Dr. Simpson proudly holds the first copy of Dr. Alvey's book

Mrs. Willis (left) and Mrs. DeAngelo

The Distinguished Alumnus Award, which was established in 1966, annually honors an alumnus who has distinguished him- or herself by contributions to a profession, a humanitarian cause, or the College. This year, for the first time in the award's history, two alumni, Mrs. ***Phoebe Euders*** Willis and Mrs. ***Rachael Wingfield*** DeAngelo, were named as recipients.

Mrs. Willis, a 1929 graduate of the College, served twice as president of the College Alumni Association, and from 1944-52 was a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia. She has also served on the governing board of the James Monroe Foundation, which administers the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library in Fredericksburg, and she is active in the local chapter of the Virginia Museum of Art and is associated with the Fredericksburg Gallery of Art. She has also served as treasurer of the local branch of the Association for the preservation of Virginia Antiquities and has been a member of the Fredericksburg Literary Club. She is married to lawyer Jere M. H. Willis, and they have five sons.

Mrs. DeAngelo, a 1928 graduate of the College, has distinguished herself in the library sciences, and recently retired as professor emeritus in the Graduate School of Library Studies at the University of Hawaii, where she had taught since 1967. Prior to moving to Honolulu, she had been associated as a professor of library sciences at a number of colleges and universities, including Queens College, in New York, and Drexel University, in Philadelphia, where she received the 'Distinguished Teacher Award.' She is also a member of numerous honorary and professional organizations, including the American Association of School Librarians of the American Library Association, of which she served for two years as Executive Secretary. Mrs. DeAngelo, who is included in 'Who's Who in American Women', has also served as Juvenile Editor for Alfred A. Knopf Publishers.

Previous recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award are: Mrs. ***Aileen Hirschman*** Belford, '43, Miss ***Clara Boyd Wheeler***, '31, the late Mrs. ***Catherine Dryden*** August, '37, the late Mrs. ***Margaret Lodge*** Copes, '32, Mrs. ***Willie Lee Nichols*** Rose, '47, Mrs. ***Molly Vaughn*** Parrish, '29, and Mrs. ***Camilla Moody*** Payne, '29.

Acting on behalf of the College, Mrs. Irene Lundy Brown,'39, accepts the portrait of Dr. Simpson

Alumni

Gavel Points

Connie Bennett Elliott '53
President
Alumni Association

Homecoming weekend was a beautiful one at Mary Washington this spring – reunion, celebration, and a sentimental journey through the years of Mary Washington's growth. I was delighted that so many alumni, faculty, students and members of the College community were there to share in the events. Hundreds of people came to honor Dr. and Mrs. Simpson and the outpouring of good wishes and affection for them was a focus of the weekend.

The reception on Friday night was crowded with guests lining the walks up to Seacobeck and filling the rooms where it was held. As Levin Houston's band played the last song, the Simpsons charmed us with their dancing to end a pleasant evening.

Saturday's activities left a montage of memories for me to treasure...during the morning program, the sunshine of that incredibly lovely April day was shining through the open windows and sounds of student songs floated in to add to the ambiance of the occasion. I will remember especially Dr. Reginald Whidden's comprehensive and personal remarks, which were a perfect keynote for the program honoring Dr. Simpson for his achievements as President of the College and honoring Dr. and Mrs. Simpson for their remarkable personal influence on so many people over the years. It was a pleasure for me to present the magnificent portrait to the College and to introduce the first Simpson International Scholar, Heidi Dian Klussman, to those present. I will not forget Dr. Simpson's moving words, spoken that morning at the conclusion of the presentations.

Dr. Edward Alvey presented the first copy of his "History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972" to Dr. Simpson. He and Mrs. Alvey greeted alumni at an autograph party later as people came to get a copy of the book. This part of the Homecoming weekend was accomplished after a good deal of suspense. Would the newly-printed volumes arrive in time or not? Finally, after a delivery mishap, it was decided that a plane would be dispatched to bring the books to Fredericksburg and they arrived on Friday night. The book is fascinating and provides a wealth of information about the College and the people who have brought it to its present stage of development in, really, an amazingly short span of years.

Sharing honors as the 1974 Distinguished Alumni Award winners were two graduates who have served the College and countless people with distinction and generosity of spirit. Recognizing the diversity of lifestyle that the women educated in the liberal arts may assume, the Alumni Association board decided to award more than one honor in this special year. It was a pleasure to present the award to Rachel Wingfield DeAngelo and Phoebe Enders Willis. Not only was it a time of recognition for them, but also a time of reunion. I did not realize, until that day, that Mrs. Willis had been Mrs. DeAngelo's teacher at Mary Washington. From Hawaii, Mrs. DeAngelo brought a lei to give to Mrs. Willis as she greeted her. Rachel DeAngelo spoke, ending her talk with poems she has kept as part of her personal philosophy ever since she first committed the lines to heart when a student at Mary Washington.

Certainly the high point of each Homecoming is the chance to spend time with dear old friends. I was happy to meet many reunioning members of some of the early classes of Mary Washington. There was good representation from alumni of the golden anniversary class of 1924 – and a substantial number of earlier classes too. At the Simpson's luncheon at Brompton, relaxing and enjoying the beautiful surroundings, one could not think of a more beautiful place to be with time to review fond memories and renew old friendships.

The banquet Saturday night was enjoyable -- once again, crowded with a large attendance, but enjoyable because of the opportunity to be with good friends. The Class of 1944 presented a portrait of Mrs. Bushnell to the Alumni Association that night and some amusing songs were enjoyed by all as other classes brought back 'Fight, Fight, Fight for the Blue and White' and a clever parody of 'Long, Long Ago.' We were honored to have Dr. and Mrs. Simpson at the banquet this year also.

The busy day's activities ended for me when I attended the Drama Department's production of "Guys and Dolls" in duPont Hall's Klein Memorial Theater. The students presented the excellent show especially for alumni.

I would like to thank all of the alumni, faculty and administrators of the College, and the Alumni Office staff for everything they did to make Homecoming weekend so memorable. Dr. Simpson wrote to me after the weekend to thank the alumni for the honors and entertainment, speaking of the "warmth and tenderness" that pervaded all the activities. I want to share part of his letter with you all: "I cannot begin to thank you and the others for what the events of the weekend held for us. I think you already knew, for otherwise the several occasions would have seemed sterile -- lacking the humanity, and the affection which was everywhere so apparent and so mutually accepted in good faith and good humor. My thanks again, and again,and once more, again!"

As I review my Homecoming thoughts and memories, it seems that the feelings expressed were a reflection of the graciousness and the caring relationships that have been characteristic of Dr. and Mrs. Simpson toward all of us. So, with best wishes to them on behalf of all alumni, I say, "Our thanks again, and again, and once more, again!" We will miss you at Mary Washington.

Chapter News

The Fredericksburg Chapter, under the leadership of Bryn Irving Winn '70, had a busy and successful year. Nine regular meetings were held with programs of interest to many alumni in and around Fredericksburg. The September meeting featured a covered dish supper with local members of the Class of 1973 as special guests. October's program was both entertaining and informative as Dr. Bulent Atalay presented a slide show on his year at Oxford. November's meeting was strictly social and the guest of honor was A. R. Merchent, the new College Vice President. A highlight of the year was the January meeting at Brompton. At his time the Chapter presented its award to an outstanding local senior and honored Dr. and Mrs. Simpson with a painting by an MWC faculty member. Special guests for this meeting were the student leaders.

In February our program featured Dr. Edward Alvey and highlights from his recently published "History of Mary Washington College, 1908 - 1972." Special guests were past and present residence hall directors.

A 'gaming' night made up the March program and April's meeting featured the installation of new officers by Connie Bennett Elliott '53, President of the Alumni Association. The year concluded with Dr. H. Conrad Warlick, Director of Admissions, speaking on admissions trends at MWC. The year's outstanding programs were planned and coordinated by Chapter Program Chairman, Fran Liebenow Armstrong '36.

In addition to a full year of programs, the Chapter sponsored its first telethon for the Alumni Fund, served lemonade to students on registration day as well as coffee to students during exams; hosted all Alumni Board of Directors luncheons, worked during Homecoming and took over the project of selling crewel kits of the College seal.

Plans for the 1974-75 year are already underway. Dr. and Mrs. Prince Woodard, the incoming First Family of MWC, have been invited to a dinner party in July.

The Tidewater Chapter (formerly the Norfolk Chapter) has wrapped up a successful year. The Chapter had five luncheons and an incoming student tea during the 1973-74 year.

Outstanding programs highlighted each luncheon. President Grellet C. Simpson spoke at the November meeting. Other speakers included a volunteer with the Mental Health Association, a music teacher and an alumna, Carol Doyle, who directs the Virginia Beach Art Center.

The sale of pecans, under the leadership of Mary Hunninghake, enabled the Chapter to contribute $100 to the President's unrestricted fund in honor of Georgie D. Stewart.

The final meeting of the year was held in May at the home of Carmen Mejia Weiler and was the setting for the installation of new Chapter officers.

In Memoriam

'17

Elizabeth Haile Cloe

'20

Elsie Brooddus Duggan

Births

'59

To Tom and *Edna Gooch* Trudeau, a first child, a girl, Virginia Alexis, born May 2, 1974.

To Melvin and *Imogen Daniel* Cummins, a son, William Daniel, born May 15, 1974.

'62

To Wayne and *Kathleen Sprenkle* Lisagor, a third child, a daughter, Mary Ellen, born March 29, 1974.

'63

To Tom and *Gayle Harris* Stewens, a second daughter, Rebecca Thomas, born September 18, 1973.

'66

To Moe and *Candy Schumacher* Jepsen, a first child, a daughter, Kirsten, born April 5, 1974.

To John and *Vera Wilson* Wenzel, their second child and second daughter, Anne Lillian, born October 5, 1973.

'67

To Asa and *Mary Lou Murphy* Lee, their first child, a daughter, Mary Katherine, born April 16, 1974.

'68

To Joe and *Martha Watson* Schmidt, their second child and first son, John Hayden, born November 22, 1973.

'69

To John and *Alyce Jo Sydenstricker* Thompson, their first child, John Michael, born November 7, 1973.

To Charles and *Emily Sakakini* Murray, their second child and first daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, born October 9, 1973.

'72

To Jim and *Laurie Steinmeyer* Stallings, their first child, Kathryn Elizabeth, born November 15, 1973.

'73

To Michael and *Joan Albert* Lainitie, their first child, Jennifer Carol, born January 28, 1974.

Need an unusual gift?

The Mary Washington College seal is available in a linen crewel kit to be embroidered in blue and gold. This may be framed or used as a pillow top.

Please indicate your choice of color (blue or gold) and send your check or money order in the amount of $5.50 (includes postage and insurance) to: A. Isabel Gordon, Fredericksburg Chapter, MWC Alumni Association, Box 1318, College Station, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22401.

Nominations Needed For Alumnus Award

The Committee to choose the 1975 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner is asking your cooperation in seeking qualified nominees.

The award is given annually to an alumnus who has distinguished herself/himself by contributions to a profession, the arts or sciences, or humanitarian causes.

Nominations are encouraged from any individual. The following information should be included in a letter of nomination: reasons for nomination, other references who may be contacted, and the name and address of the person making the nomination. Any alumnus, except current members of the Board of Directors, is eligible for the award.

Dr. Atalay's Oxford Prints Now Available

The Alumni Association is making available for sale Dr. Bulent Atalay's newest book, "Oxford and the English Countryside."

The book has been bound in the form of a sketch pad in order to render the lithographs detachable for framing. It's 14 by 17 inches in size and contains 25 lithographs as well as narrative.

The cost of the Oxford book is $15.00 and copies may be obtained by sending a check payable to the MWC Alumni Association, Box 1315 College Station, Fredericksburg, Va., 22401.

The originals of the Oxford lithographs were displayed in a special exhibit at the American Embassy in London as well as in a number of exhibits in the United States. Selections from the new book appeared in the December, 1973 issue of *MWC Today*.

Many alumni are already familiar with Dr. Atalay's work through his lithographic prints of the Mary Washington College campus.

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London Trip Open To Alumni, Families

The Alumni Association's travel plans continue to grow as more and more alumni respond enthusiastically. The Swiss Bavarian Carnival scheduled for August 2 - 9, 1974, has been sold out for three months. Sixty - five alumni and spouses will be going to Munich and Geneva. This represents the largest group to date.

You have recently been sent news about our next venture.

MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:
LONDON: October 18-27, 1974
Please enroll us(me). Enclosed find deposit in the amount o
$_____ ($75.00 per person) for_____person(s)

Name(s)

Address City State

Zip Home Phone Bus. Phone

Rooming with

Child(ren) aged 14 yrs. or under enrolled on trip, please list age(s).

Please check if Single Supplement is desired. ☐
Please make checks payable to Arthurs Travel Center

Indicate airplane seating preferred (Not guaranteed):
☐ Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking
NOTE: Information will be sent to you four to six weeks after your deposit is received.

History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972

By Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr.

The historical study of the role of women in United States society is now increasingly important. One facet of this subject deserving particular attention is the history of higher education of women. Edward Alvey, Jr., in the *History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972*, makes a significant contribution to this study. His account of a Virginia institution of higher learning for females will enlighten students of social history and delight those acquainted with Mary Washington College.

6 x 9¾. 636 pp. (tnt.), illus., index.
LC 73-92624. @ $10.00

Order from:
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Box 1127, College Station
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr., seen autographing a copy of his book for an alumnus at Homecoming.

London in October! This deluxe trip, made available to alumni and their immediate families through Arthur's Travel, will be eight days in duration and will leave Dulles airport on October 19. The trip includes round trip transportation aboard a wide-bodied DC-10 with meals and beverages served aloft, deluxe accommodations at the London International Hotel, continental breakfast served each day, a dine-around plan in London's best restaurants for six evening dinners, a half-day trip to Windsor Castle, a city orientation tour, gratuities for chambermaids, bellboys and doormen, round-trip transfers and luggage handling from airport to hotel, experienced tour escort and hotel hospitality desk plus the availability of additional low-cost optional tours. The cost per person, double occupancy, is $366.85.

Make your reservations early by filling out the form below and enclosing $75.00 (per person) via deposit check made payable to Arthur's Travel Center and sending it to "London" c/o Diana Koski, Director of Alumni Affairs, Mary Washington College, Box 1315 College Station, Fredericksburg, Va., 22401.

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Class Notes

'13

Anne Ware Bedinger
"Riveredge"
Dunnsville, Virginia 22454
(Summer Home)

Anne Ware Bedinger
The Jefferson
P.O. Box 1397
Richmond, Virginia 23211
(Winter Home)

Lucy Kennedy Boyle
P.O. Box 144, Ice Pond Road
Mineral, Virginia 23117

'14

NO AGENT

'15

Ruth Carter Vellines
Glenco Road, Box 59-B
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Dear 'Girls':

Didn't we thoroughly enjoy the Homecoming? Weather for the weekend was perfect and the campus so lovely with blooming shrubs and flowers at this time of year. The '1915' class was represented by Margaret Sayre *Ransone,* Elsie Wood *Rice and* Ruth Carter *Vellines. Margaret and Edna spent the weekend; Elsie lives in Fredericksburg and I just went for the day on Saturday. Where were you,* Virginia Bolen?

We missed Ettienette and her good husband, Mac. The Simpsons, as always, gave the alumni such cordial greetings and luncheon at Brompton - a highlight of the weehend. I shall miss Dr. Simpson when he retires.

I enjoyed greeting these girls again: Helen Powell Neal *from Danville, (I met her at Radford where we both won degrees);* Imogene Ellis Daniel, Thelma Ellis Sutton, Anne Murray, Pauline Snead, Olie Mae Hope, Lillie Lie Michie *Behredt,* Bertha Scott *Bass,* Anita Pepmeier *Bennett,* Louise Milbourne *Clarke and* Ann Latane Ware *Bedinger. Ann Latane recently lost her daughter-in-law. Our sympathy to the family.*

Perhaps some of us shall see each other again on June 27th. Ann Latane issued an invitation for a covered dish luncon at her home near Dunnsville. I hope many MWC girls will go.

Contributors to the Alumni Fund in memory of Professor Tyner were Elsie Wood *Rice,* Virginia Bolen, Sarah Gouldman *McAllister,* Lillian Waring *Edwards,* Edna Gibbs *Hunter,* Anne Harris *Schumaher,* Sarah Burke Spindle *Bates,* Ruth Carter *Vellines,* Nannie Page Burruss *and one anonymous. Some girls wrote how glad they were to honor Professor Tyner. Only one letter I sent out was returned to me, that of* Helen Northrop *Rose. I wonder what her correct address is.*

I received a nice letter from Mrs. Tyner expressing her appreciation for the tribute of love the Class of 1915 paid to her husband. Diana Koski had notified her.

Nannie Page *wished so much she could attend homecoming, but she has transportation problems. She has some eye trouble but keeps in good health. When she retired from teaching in 1962 she went to live with her two brothers and their families. One of her brothers died two years ago. She says there's never a dull moment at the farmhouse where friends constantly visit.*

I met with Mrs. Margaret Settle in January of this year when my granddaughter came to me shopping and had brought her neighbor . We found out we knew many of the same people. Waverly Lawson, *she taught you and thought you were great. Wished she could see you. Your mother was really a wonderful person.*

Dr. Russell Wallis, our church's visitation pastor, returned in February to Parkview Baptist Church in Portsmouth to preach the sermon for the 75th anniversary. I found out he had been Edna Gibbs *Hunter's pastor.*

Sarah seems to have more mishaps. After warm temperatures, followed by rain and freezing, Sarah, unaware of the change overnight, started out on her porch. Her foot slipped and she injured the middle of her back and broke her arm. When she wrote she was wearing a heavy cast from elbow to wrist. She suffered great pain from injury to the back. Her daughter, Betty, came and helped her do the impossible things. She was able to catch up on her reading. Always a bright side to every trouble.

Since that experience she has fallen again. Sarah was on her way to fill an appointment with the doctor and in the partial darkness of "winter" daylight saving time, she fell and broke her arm. Had to wear a cast for a long time and still does not have normal use of her arm.

Mannie Torbert *Kelly, folks asked about you. Wish you would write sometime.*

Virginia Saunders *of Hanover Courthouse broke her hip and was in the hospital for several weeks. I hear she is at home now and can get around with a walker very well.*

I am not sure if I mentioned before that Lillian Waring *Edwards and her husband had been married 55 years on November 9, 1973. That is a good record. We wish them many more years of happiness together. Mannie's daughter, who lives in Richmond and lost her husband several years ago, is married again. She is Mrs. Cecil Moore.*

I purchased Dr. Alvey's history of the College. The early days really brought back memories. My four years of study there were very happy ones.

Love,
Ruth

'16

Ina Taylor Powell
634 Randolph Avenue
Cape Charles, Virginia 23310

I'm so happy to be able to greet you again this year with some news.

Nancy Carr *Harrison had a trip abroad last summer and it was her first plane trip, naturally quite an experience. She found a woman in her party who had taught with us our first year 1916-17 at Richlands, Va. Small World! I'm sorry Nancy didn't tell which countries she visited.*

I had phone conversations with Marie Ward *Holmes. This was my first contact with her and I greeted her with "This is a voice from your past!" She married Brig. Gen. H. B. Holmes, Jr., and as an Army wife has travelled extensively in many parts of the world. They are now retired and living at 210 Seneca Road, Richmond, Va.*

Laura Wright *Street (Mrs. Walter N.) is also living in Richmond in Tuckaho Apts. She has four children and seven grandchildren who live near and help to fill her life.*

Thelma Turner *Duval is another Richmondite. I've talked with her several times when I've been in Richmond. She and her husband, Harry, are having difficulty with failing eyesight - cataracts. They have a granddaughter who is a junior at MWC and I think their daughter is an alumna.*

Genevieve Jenkins *Talbott lives in Baltimore and I had several conversations with her after Christmas, as I spent about three months there. She was most happy and proud of a lovely granddaughter who was married shortly after Christmas. Genevieve was caught up in the wedding festivities and before I could catch up with her she had a trip to Florida.*

While there are no 1916 MWC alumni near here, there are good friends from the Class of 1917. Effie Berry *Fuqua,* Beth Hallett *Gaffegon* and Lucy Dixon. *It's a great joy to be able to see them frequently.*

Effie has recovered from her terrible auto accident of two years ago but still wears a buckled brace on her right arm. She is so thankful to be able to walk. Her husband right now is having back trouble which hopefully will soon improve. They live in a lovely home on Bay Avenue and have gorgeous sunsets just for the looking and when the grandchildren come they walk across the street to go for a swim.

Beth and her husband are only two blocks from the beach and have almost the same privilege.

Me! I live seven blocks from the beach and love to walk the boardwalk twice before breakfast.

Lucy Dixon is at the tail end of Northampton County, where the beautiful Chesapeake Bridge Tunnel starts. She comes to Cape Charles grocery shopping on Fridays and to church on Sundays so I see her frequently also.

Have a happy summer . . . and write me about it.

Love,
Ina

'17

Imogen Ellis Daniel
Weems, Virginia 22576

'18

Louise Milbourne Clarke
9009 Cherokee Road
Richmond, Virginia 23235

Nellie Hodgson Warner
4605 22nd Street, North
Arlington, Virginia 22207

"Homecoming" 1974 was everything you could possibly expect. You who couldn't attend really missed a treat.

Mary Ellen Burke *Donald and I were the only 1918 "girls" there.*

I took one of my grandchildren, Kathy Lou (18 years old), with us, and she enrolled for the 1974-75 term. I am seventy-five and I hope I can be present at her graduation there.

I am reading Dr. Alvey's History of Mary Washington College. Please, girls, buy this book and enjoy it, as I am doing. He autographed it for me, and Dr. Simpson did too. I prize it very much.

Please let me hear from you, so I can send any news on to our Alumni Association.

Love,
Louise

'19

Grace Mason Suggs
5639 Pinebranch Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

'20

NO AGENT

'21

NO AGENT

'22

Anita Pepmeier Bennett
R.R. 2, Box 260-A
Woodford, Virginia 22580

'23

NO AGENT

Myrtle Hollins *Isbell writes that she is now retired and has a young couple living in an apartment in her home. Her daughter Emily is married and lives in Richmond and son Edwin lives in Springfield, is married and has five children. Myrtle sees* Emma Ficklin *often.*

'24

Sue Risheill Perry
314 S. Lee St.
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

'25

NO AGENT

'26

Lucy Houston Christian
Box 368
Urbanna, Virginia 23175

'27

Phronsie Marsh Sitwell
Three Otters Estate
Route 2
Bedford, Virginia 24523

'28

Carmen M. Weller
2216 First Landing Lane
Cape Henry Shores
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Dear Classmates,

You missed the most wonderful Homecoming week-end I have ever attended. How I wished more of you had come to help us celebrate such an important week-end.

We were celebrating the Alumni Association's 60th Anniversary. This, also, was Dr. Simpson's last Homecoming as President of M.W.C. He retires in June.

Dr. Simpson is truly the best friend the Alumni Association has ever had. We really will miss him and Mrs. Simpson. We are very fond of them. We are all happy to learn they plan to live at Belmont, Falmouth, so we'll be able to see them often.

If anything can be called perfect, the Homecoming week-end was. The weather was good to us, you know how beautiful our campus always is in early sunny spring days.

The program was excellently and thoughtfully planned, taking care of all those who attended. Every hour had some interesting activity for everyone.

The atmosphere at the party for Dr. & Mrs. Simpson was wholesome--a very gay, festive and happy one--we were just one big family having fun.

Rachael Wingfield *DeAngelo, '29, brought a big bouquet of Anthuriums for the Alumni House, and natural Leis of Honor from Hawaii.*

One great honor was bestowed upon one of our very dear classmates, Rachael Wingfield *DeAngelo. Remember her? She was chosen as one of the two distinguished Alumni of the year.* Phoebe Enders *Willis, whom all of you remember as our favorite of all times, was the other Alumni honored. What a unique occasion! What a great pair!*

Rachael has just retired as Professor Emeritus from the University of Hawaii, so this other honor was quite timely. She has received outstanding awards from other universities, but to quote her, "to be recognized by my Alma Mater has made me the happiest."

You can find biographical sketches of Rachael in "Who's Who of American Women," "Who's Who in American Education," and "Who's Who in the West."

Because of the pleasant climate, and the friendly people of Hawaii, Rachael and Ben, her husband, have decided to retire there. I know you want to congratulate her, so here's her address: 1309 Wilder Avenue,

Apartment 1101, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Our congratulations go to Diana Koski, our Alumni Director, and to the Homecoming Committee for planning such a successful and memorable week-end for us. They should feel very proud of themselves. We are very grateful!

Please send me some news of you and yours, and start planning to be "on the Hill" for our 50th reunion—1978.

Emily Walcott *Field writes that she has been living in Georgetown since 1941. Son David and family are in Dalton, Georgia, where he is Vice President of Dalton Sheet Metal Company. Son Jack and his family live in Greensboro, North Carolina. Jack is manager of the Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Office there. Emily's sister-in-law,* Evelyn Field Griffin, *'28, visited with her for several weeks.*

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'31

Ola Murray Martin
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'32

Margaret Kirkpatrick Thompson
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Dear Classmates,

I will try and act as class agent in memory of the late **"Marge"** *Lodge Copes since shortly before she died we had agreed to take this on as a joint responsibility. The class of '32 has certainly lost a dear friend and loyal alumna.*

I will welcome letters and news. However, should anyone of you wish to assume the class agent duties I will gladly help or turn over the position to you. I do tend to be rather busy with ten grandchildren, etc.

"Kirk"

'33

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'34

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Our thanks and gratitude go to **Nellie Mae Stewart** *Pettit, Class Agent from 1959 to 1974 for her friendship through reporting and her sincerity of purpose.*

During the informal meeting held Saturday, April 27 — Homecoming Anniversary, the duties of Class Agent were passed on to me. With Nellie Mae's guidance, how can I miss? I shall do my best to get the news from our classmates and send it to you all through this column.

It was my good fortune to attend our class reunion — our fortieth. I will not elaborate on the success of "Homecoming" as it will all be told elsewhere in this MWC Today. However, let me tell you how thrilling it was to see:

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Lewise O. Cosby, *P.O. Box 274*
Louisa, Virginia 23093
Co-publisher, The Central Virginian
Louisa, Virginia

Helen M. Parsons Ellis *(Mrs. Gordon L.)*
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Richmond, Virginia 23223
State Department of Education
Division of Teacher Education
Certification Analyst

Note: **Daughter,** Ellen Kay Ellis *'67*

Nellie Mae Stewart Pettit *(Mrs. C. Penbroke)*
"Walbrook" Fredericks Hall
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Leadership: Civic, Cultural and Religious Affairs

Mary Virginia Wilson, *1303 Ernestine St.*
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Language Arts Specialist
Arlington County School Board
Barrett Elementary School
Note: We missed seeing Mary Virginia and owe her an apology for not posting our meeting room number.

Mary Anne Ratner Levy *(Mrs. Lee)*
Class Agent
Present Position: Secretary- treasurer, Lee Levy, Inc., Newark, New Jersey

It was also our good fortune to have with us:
Reba Collier *Thorpe '33*
Newsons, Virginia

Ollie Mae Hope *'33*
Ashland, Virginia

Sue Howard *Southall '51*
Louisa, Virginia

I hope they enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having them.

In conclusion:

It will be just tremendous if we could hear from the members of the class of '34; where are you? After all, it isn't everyone who can say, "forty years, imagine that". So please write bits and pieces for publishing in our class news column.

For a list of our classmates, you may purchase the Reunion Bulletin from the Alumni Office. Price: $1.00. This bulletin was prepared by Nellie Mae Stewart Pettit.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Class of '34 as Class Agent.

Let me hear from you

'35

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'36

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Dear Classmates,

From the reports I've heard, Homecoming was a wonderful experience. I wasn't there, but heard about it at our May luncheon for Peninsula alumni. Dr. Alvey's history of Mary Washington College is most interesting and has so much information in it. I'm happy to have an autographed copy.

Vernie Blankenship *Knight and her husband spent a marvelous two weeks in England the first part of April. Her husband participated as a faculty member in a conference sponsored by the Institute of International Studies on U. S. Patent Laws and Practice. A month before they went they had contacted a radio "ham" who invited them to visit him and his wife in Kent, England. They were entertained royally, and were impressed with the gracious, friendly, hospitable people.*

Susie Dickinson *Hudson telephoned me when she was recently in Newport News visiting her family. Her younger daughter is majoring in special education and wants to get her degree by Christmas.*

Bill Wheeler *McCallum and her sister,* **Clara Wheeler,** *will be attending Bill's daughter's graduation June 8th.* **Ann Boyd** *will receive her PhD degree at the University of California at Berkley. She will work with the School of Education and public school system in the San Ramon district.*

Dorothy McGuire *Bunch and Bill McCallum attended Dorothy's son's graduation from Lynchburg College on May 12. Dorothy's daughter, Susie, will be going to college in the fall.*

I was so happy to receive a card and note from the former **Frances Sherman** *'37, in March. She lives in Monroe City, Missouri, and enjoys reading the MWC News. Thank you, Frances, for writing.*

Frances Liebenow *Armstrong has consented to be our 40th reunion chairman in April, 1976. So be thinking of coming. Frances is so enthusiastic in the letters she writes and her enthusiasm is contagious. She lives in Fredericksburg and enjoys teaching, in addition to the many other activities she is enjoying.*

My youngest child, Jon, graduates from Hampton High School June 8th. He has been accepted at the University of Virginia and wants to take an engineering course. I will surely miss him when he goes away.

Thanks again to you who have written me, and please, write me whenever you can, Class of '36.

'37

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The Class of '39 wishes to express their sincere appreciation to **Louise Massie** *for five years of hard work as our class agent. Louise continues to be the competent leader that our '39 Battlefield predicted. Many thanks to you Louise from each of us.*

The alumni Homecoming was a successful highlight of the year for the twenty-one '39ers who attended. Laurels are due for **Virginia Felts** *Brown '50 who served as Homecoming Chairman. The reception honoring President and Mrs. Simpson was most enjoyable, the roster of distinguished alumni guests and the presentation of Dr. Edward Alvey's book filled all our hearts with nostalgia. The luncheon on the lawn at Brompton, on a beautiful spring day, reminded us of so many days of years gone by and we had Dr. Dodd and Dr. and Mrs. Alvey there to help us remember. The climax of the weekend was the banquet and would you believe it - the Devils and the Goats held sway and we knew the old spirit was still alive.*

A class member of the '39ers who deserves special note here is **Bernice Whipple** *Camp. She traveled 1200 miles by bus and attended all the Homecoming activities.* **Miriam Boyer** *Parsons came from New York,* **Doris O'Brien** *Dingl from Ohio and* **Peggy Austin** *Holmes from North Carolina. We missed all of you who were not there.*

The following "Devils" attended the class meeting in Mary Ball Hall:

Peggy Austin *Holmes*
Bernice Whipple *Camp*
Virginia Dickinson *Morgan*
Virginia Cooley *Stoner*

Ann Newnom *Harris*
Mary Helsabeck *Townsend*
Eleanor Gose *Daugherty*
Henrietta Roberts *Echols*
Helen Downer *Hale*
Nancy Herr *Fallen*
Elizabeth Clopton *Brown*
Mildred L. Powell
Miriam Boyer *Parsons*
Louise Harris *Massie*
Elizabeth Alexander *Howdershell*
Mariam Carpenter *Carroll*
Doris O'Brien *Dingledein*
Kathryn Taylor *Farnsworthy*
Kathryn Nicholas *Winslow*
Irene Lundy *Brown*
Marion Timberlake *Yobs*

Louise Massie has prepared a booklet of biographical information for all our class members who responded to a questionnaire. If anyone has news of a classmate or if anyone knows the whereabouts of Virginia Anderson, *who was from South Norfolk, please contact the alumni office or write directly to me.*

News from Margaret Emerick *Carter is that four of their six children. The "baby" Page graduates from St. Margaret's in June and will enter Mary Washington in the fall. The Carters are very proud of their three grandchildren.*

Geraldine McLamb *Baird sends a cheery note from Elizabethtown, North Carolina. She has retired from teaching and is enjoying playing bridge, traveling and working in various clubs. She sends word that* Reba McLamb *Davis lives at 2565 Donna Drive, Columbus, Ohio.*

Our class is very proud of our fellow classmate Irene Lundy *Brown who is the Vice Rector of Mary Washington College Board of Visitors. We salute Irene for all of her years of dedicated service to M.W.C.*

We extend to Dr. and Mrs. Grellet C. Simpson our sincere appreciation for their years of devotion to education in Virginia and their commitment to scholarship at Mary Washington. We wish them many happy years of retirement.

I am your new class agent. It happened so quickly that I don't know how I became "it" but hopefully I will be around for the next five years and I will be delighted to hear from you. Please let me know where you are and what you are doing. When you write please give your maiden name and the maiden name of anyone you might be sending news of.

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Virginia Dougherty *Scott dropped the Alumni Office a note with the latest news from the Scott family. After being with Tennessee Eastman for 23 years, her husband has been transferred to Carolina Eastman in Columbia, South Carolina. He is a senior civil engineer. Daughter Janie is married and a junior at East Tennessee State University. Son Bob is married and is an engineer with Ultra Electronics.*

'42

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'43

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Wedding bells for another '43 classmate's son - Jean Boyle Owen's son Bert Jr. was married in Raleigh to Betty Austin. Both young people are majoring in music at East Carolina University. "During the ceremony a brass quintet composed of friends of the couple provided 16th and 17th century music." Another group provided classical music during the reception. We send our congratulations to the bridal couple and Mom and Dad. Jean is director of music education for the Charlotte County Public Schools and lives in Keysville.

From Ruth Henriques *Johnson - two letters since February. She and husband Sam stopped to see the campus enroute from Massachusetts back to Georgia. Thus we "found" her. She had not been back since Homecoming '48. They live in a townhouse in Decatur, Georgia and have two young adults - Mariruth, 24 and married and Stuart, 25. Sam retired from Federal Civil Service in May, 1972. He was with Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service and the Office of Economic Opportunity. Ruth has taught for the past 10 years in DeKalb County System. She finished all credits for Masters in International Relations. They were in D. C. until '55. Since finding addresses in the Reunion Booklet, she has heard from* Judy Preminger *Rappeport,* Debbie Goldstein *Simon and* Alma Kirkpatrick *Howell. I would like to heer from them too.*

I finally located "Phee" LaPorte. She is head physiotherapist in a private hospital, Wesley Long in Greensboro, North Carolina. She was overseas in P. T. during World War II (Pacific) and then came to Greensboro.

Dottie McClothlin *Mullins sent her Christmas letter with family news. They have two sons, Mike and Leslie and Ann, 16. Dottie and Moon traveled to New Orleans, Lexington, Kentucky for the races; Providence, Rhode Island for Mike's graduation from Brown; Washington for the American Bar Association meeting; and the Greenbrier for the Virginia Bar Association meeting. They also visited Charlottesville, Blacksburg and Emory for football games. They were also in Europe for fifteen hectic, but enjoyable, days. Ann spent Easter in Mexico with her Spanish class. September brought Mike to law school at the University of Virginia, Leslie to law school at Harvard. What a busy time for a family!*

When talk of Homecoming '74 rolled around, I was delighted to receive a card from Claire Moore *Kelly reminiscing about Homecoming '73 and "how great it was being at MWC last year and seeing all the people" and places associated with the college. Thanks Claire for taking the time; these are the words that keep a class agent going.*

I was in Norfolk for a Physical Education meeting Frebruary 28th - March 3 and had an opportunity to talk with Stacia Douros *Mandaleris and very briefly with* Betsy Taylor *Tazewell. Stacia's daughter Elaine graduated from Mary Washington last year and is teaching in Fredericksburg; her son is in the Navy at the University of Virginia; and she has a 17 year old at home. She worked for some time with a private adoption and foster care agency.*

Ethel Wilson *Rogers was a visitor last year. Betsy is helping in the volunteer reading program in Norfolk and was on her way there when I called. Her husband is a Captain in the Navy. I was terribly disappointed not to talk with* Marjorie Baldwin *Roughton and* Bessie Mae Baxson *Etheridge. Maybe you two will drop me a line.*

I had a wonderful letter from Evelyn Sheads *Appleton. She can't wait to be a grandmother in September since her son is an only child! She works with the Town Government of Vienna - with Council, Mayor, Town Clerk and Town Manager. "This is the grass roots of civics" she says. She was concerned that even more girls didn't return for our reunion last year. We'll try for the 35th. She heard from* Ruth Duff *Brown and* Ginny Fenton *Luckhardt and* Barbara Tarrell *(MWC 1 year) at Christmas. Ruth is planning to return to D. C. area to work soon. Please send new address. "Sheads" had a great visit to the Hayloft Dinner Theater (Manassas) to see Cabaret and found* Ruth Masloff *Miller '42 and husband Jack singing some of the leads. Helen and John were here in Raleigh for several years and sang in our church choir. I do miss them.*

Evelyn sent me a newspaper clipping and I regret to have to tell you of Mary Vaughan Heazel *Lindberg's death in March. You will remember she was at Homecoming last year. I had a real visit with her, the first since MWC days.*

A Roanoke native, Mary had been in D. C. and radio WTOP and WWDC for many years. The last seven years she had been teaching in the Fairfax County System - the last four, English at Fairfax High School. At MWC, Mary Vaughan's name was synonymous with Drama and Radio from 1939 - 1943. She had a hand in every MWC Players production while in college and practically ran the radio station in the early days. She was an active member of the Little Theater of Alexandria for many years and received the 1972 - '73 awards for best set design and best costuming. Recently she had been named to its Board of Governors. She had also been doing some volunteer work for the Smithsonian.

'44

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Fran Tracey *'44 sent word that she had just returned from a three week visit to Wapishana Villages in Guyana, South America. She conducted seminars for school teachers each evening.*

'45

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Hi, Class of '45! I haven't any news, but I am sure you have thought of some of your classmates from time to time since Christmas. This column really needs some news. It is sort of disappointing to pick up the 'MWC Today' and not see items about college friends.

Bear with me as I mention a recent trip to Mexico City the week before Easter. It was a colorful time to go since all the Holy Week festivities were going on. Rushin and I flew from Tampa via New Orleans and then straight over to Mexico City. I didn't realize until some pre-trip reading how high in the mountains it was going to be: 7,350 feet elevation. The population has soared to 10 million. It is a fantastically modern city yet full of history. Cathedrals, old homes, sinking skyscrapers (it is built on a drained lake), quaint peasant homes..

Most interesting, we thought, was the famed Anthropology Museum with original work from the Mayan and Astec Empires. We missed Henry Kissinger and bride by one day! Flying back home was also a joy, as nothing can take the place of family and friends.

One word of warning, classmates - you had better write, or letters of my trips will be all you will be reading!

'46

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'47

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Hello again, classmates! Although the U.S. Postal Service has not brought any written messages from you, I can pass on a little news from Homecoming weekend. It was a delightful time for all who attended. The reception for Dr. Simpson was most enjoyable. Nostalgia sifted through Seacobeck as Levin Houston and his combo played music through the years from their endless repetoire. June Ashton Steppe and Alice Griegas Blain *attended the reception on Friday night. June is currently president of the King George Alumni Chapter. She has two daughters in college - one will be transferring to MWC next session - and her son is in high school.*

The MWC Alumni Association is growing stronger every day. Each and every one of us is a part of this organization and we are responsible for its successes and failures. I hope you will each And some one small way to support or participate in your Association.

Have a good summer and drop your agent a line.

'48

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'49

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Dear 49ers,

As most of you know, "Miami" Ann McCaskill *Dilks resigned as our class agent at our 25th Homecoming Reunion. She served us 'long and well' and all of us should join together in a hearty "thank you."*

I saw Dean Alwey on Richmond T.V. recently, on the Doug Hill Show. He was being interviewed on his recently published history of the College. Many 49ers have bought this book. Thank you Charlotte Boyle Roffenberger *for seeing that our class gave 'Miami' a copy of this prodigious publication.*

I find it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to report on our 25th reunion. I am not a journalist. I want to make that clear from the beginning. My only qualification as Class Agent is that I love you and will enjoy hearing from you. I have a natural tendency toward prolixity and a penchant for remembering the mood of a situation, but forgetting facts and figures.

In trying to recapitulate our reunion, I find that I don't know just where to begin. The experience was reminiscent of when we first matriculated at MWC 25 years ago. There was rampant pandemonium. Many of us simply could not seem to remember where we were supposed to go and what we were supposed to do.

To begin with, I recommend that all of you write in to the MWC Alumni Association and get a Twenty-fifth Anniversary Reunion Booklet. These are available for $1.00. Not every 49er responded to the questionnaire, but many did and a quick perusal of this little green booklet will help you get reacquainted with your classmates and marvel at their accomplishments. Some of us at the reunion could not figure out why Irene 'Ronnie' Barnemann Groff's *name was omitted. I've just checked my files and it appears that there was an old address listing for her. Now seems a good time to implore all of you to send a card or letter to me and to the Alumni Office whenever there's a change of address. We want to know how you are and where you are, okay?*

If you'd like a copy of our class picture, send $3.00 to the Alumni Association and one will be sent to you. We really had fun posing for this class photograph and trying to arrange ourselves to the best advantage and attempting to put our best side forward. Thirty-nine 49ers showed up for our reunion, but several of these are not in the picture because they were late in arriving.

The Homecoming Banquet was a ball! Several classes performed. Our rendition of "Fight, Fight, Fight," with hand motions, was hilarious. Betty Bond Syman *did all she could on the piano to cover up our mistakes, but it was chaotic.* Barbara Watson *Barden saved us from being the worst would-be thespians by doing a most lovely interpretive dance on the vicissitudes of love. She was ebullient! We were all so proud to claim her as our own.*

Andi Dulaney *Devening did an impersonation of Mrs. Bushnell saying, "You can if you will, but you won't...or will you?" That quotable quote was resurrected for us by a letter from* Connie Conley *which was read at our rehearsal for the banquet entertainment. Connie, by the way, plays the part of Phyllis Anderson on the show "Days of Our Lives" on NBC-TV. Her address is 300 W. Alameda Street, Burbank, California.*

I want you all who were not present at our 25th reunion to know that we won the silver cup for having the most people back! The Class of 1944 thought they had it, but Jean Acheuback Sherbine *requested a recount and we won hands down!*

I played the biggest ruse ever on my family. I came home with the silver cup and told them that I had won it personally for a reading on "What is a Virtuous Woman" from the 31st chapter of Proverbs. They believed me completely, but just to help me with my strategem, Andi, Jean and Betty wrote me congratulatory cards. I have already owned up to my practical joke, but it has been fun sharing the fun with relatives and friends.

After the banquet, the management at the Holiday Inn gave us the key to a meeting room and we had the privilege of having our post-banquet palaver 'on the house' and it was sheer joy. Just before we left, Martha Coleman *and a business associate were registering for the night and asked at the desk where the MWC girls were. Luckily we found many of us were still together and got to see and talk with Martha. She is involved in the administrative end of opera and the arts now. She arranges classical concerts for singers and musicians.*

News came to us that Primm Turner *French is now living in Stockbridge, Mass., with her husband and three daughters.*

Shirley Brandow *Nixon is active in Mu Phi Epsilon and the MWC Alumni Chapter for Suburban Maryland. She is a church organist and is a substitute teacher in a junior high school.*

Sunday morning found a goodly number of us at the Sheraton Inn having brunch. We had another rip-roaring conclave there. The personnel there was solicitous and gracious and we were sorry to have it all end. Shortly thereafter, we left and went our separate ways. Each one had fond memories to carry away with her.

One of the aims of Homecoming and the Alumni Association is to strengthen the bonds of interest and love existing between the College and the alumni. This goal was accomplished at our 25th Reunion.

I do apologize for the verbosity of this letter. Please write to me and let me know how things are with you.

'50

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The 1974 Homecoming is over and now is the time for all members of the Class of 1950 to start planning for their 25th reunion in 1975! We should be especially anxious and proud to attend since Ginny Felts *Brown, a member of our class, will be there as president of the Alumni Association. And it will be our first opportunity to meet the new president of Mary Washington, Prince Woodard. So come on, everyone, start saving your pennies and plan to come to Homecoming '75.*

A letter from Nat Wilton *came at Christmas. She had an interesting tour of Alaska in July and loved Sitka, Anchorage, Dawson City, and the panning for gold. I also had a visit with Mrs. Sollenberger's son, Mark, who is a city engineer and is married with four children. Then in November Nat had a gall bladder operation which kept her down for a while. She went to Florida over the holidays to recuperate and on her return to California had a stopover in Atlanta where she met* Helen Hopkins Ansell. *Helen jotted a note on her Christmas card that her family was in Florida five times during 1973 at their condominium, and that their son Glenn was becoming quite a surfer. They have also been doing home improvements in Atlanta.*

In Florida, Anne 'Ozzie' Osborne *Cox and Frank moved into their new home in Plantation. Ozzie is still doing some college teaching. Oldest daughter Peggy is 16 and has a new Mercury sports car (birthday gift), which she cares for diligently while being active in high school activities -- Honor Society and Spanish Club. Sheri is 12 and is active in her school's student government and is an ardent swimmer. And she just 300 miles on her ten speed bike in one month. How's that for action!*

Last July Gracia Plyley *Kather and Rudy went to Germany for three weeks. They circled Germany and went into Austria, Lichtenstein and Switzerland visiting relatives.*

Mary Paasch *Schoof and family got all ready for the winter's energy crisis by installing a Franklin stove in their New Jersey home. Mary is teaching full time at Franklin (N.J.) High School. Daughter Roz is at Wellesley and son Bill now has his driver's license.*

Marcia Eglof *Monaco is in Waldorf, Maryland and is now technical services coordinator for the library at Charles County Community College and she also teaches some library science courses. Her son Woody will graduate from Duke in June as a pre-med student. He has been accepted at George Washington University Medical School, but was still waiting to hear from Duke and the University of Virginia. Liz is 17 and worked in a Girl Scout camp last summer and is active in dramatics. Her other daughter, Peggy, is 7.*

Received a nice note from Martha Carr Huddleston *saying that she and the boys are managing well. They had a great trip to Kentucky last summer. Martha is taking two courses at night and has also run into* Toni Bowen *and* Barbara Malone *Crookshanks at state CAR conventions.*

Eleanor Sullivan *Lewis wrote that her husband, Bob, had back surgery last summer and was off from work for about six months, but he's back in the office now. Bob II is a junior and John is a freshman at Maryland, both pledging Sigma Chi.*

Enjoyed Mary Cottingham *Warren's Christmas verse about their family out in Illinois. Both of their oldest children will get degrees in June -- Kathy in Denver and Rob from Auto and Diesel College. Christina is a freshman at Stevens College. Mary and Bob are left at home with one dog and a cat.*

Betty Gavett *Lampard is still working as a part-time secretary at church in addition to all her choir and hand-bell endeavors. One of the big changes in her life was that she lost fifty pounds between March and October of 1973, through hypnosis! Then she began riding a motorcycle - 450 Honda! Boy, who says we're getting old? Betty's children are busy. Daughter Lee plans to go to California State. Clark, 17, a senior, has his own pickup truck with racks for his surf board. And Kevin, 15, enjoyed the family's trip back to Pennsylvania in July -- Betty's first trip back in 9 years. Husband Clarke works at Campo dealing with juveniles involved with drugs.*

That's ALL my news, so those of you who haven't written, please do and also start taking and saving pictures for our class scrapbook. Have a good summer and begin contacting your former roomies and college friends.

– Our sympathies to **Eleanor Sullivan** *Lewis and her family. Eleanor's 18 year old son, John, was killed in March in an automobile accident.*

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Our deepest sympathy to **Connie Bennett Elliott,** *whose father died in December. Connie's eldest son will be discharged from the Marines in August and then return to college; her second son is a freshman at Ferris State in Michigan. With only two girls at home last fall, they invited a Danish student to live with them and have enjoyed the experience very much.*

Ginny Poole *Kinniburgh and her husband have completed half of their three-year overseas tour with the Marine Corps. A quote from her interesting note from Stuttgart: "Our family has traveled in Europe and we have had the unique opportunity to compare the political, economic and social systems of Europe with the United States. Perhaps the most vivid impression of Europe I shall retain is a result of our trip through East Germany to West Berlin. In this time of various crises, we left Communist Germany proud of our American heritage and most thankful that we shall be able to return to the U. S. in 1975. Our social lives have been adjusted with the devaluation of the dollar. We tend to live within the American community as the value of the dollar decreases. In comparing Germany and the U. S. at the supermarket, we find the Americans come out ahead. Inflation is bad in the U.S., but it's worse here." Their older son is a freshman at VMI, and another is a sophomore at Stuttgart American High.*

Last, a call for HELP! I have a permanent job at the University of Maryland Dental School now, and find myself committed to more responsibilities than I have the . . . steam for! I would like to retire as Class Agent, and am sending out a call for volunteers. I can recommend the job highly . . . it's really not much work, and a lot of fun to hear from classmates. Please let me know if you would like the job, or would be willing to share it with one or two others. Someone with a little more free time will do a much better job of transmitting news and maintaining records. VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

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The recent conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children had a heynote speaker, Evangline Ward. She ashed the participants questions like, "Where have all the children gone?" "Where are we?" I ash you "Where have all my classmates gone?" "How are your lives progressing?" "Where are your children going?" If you'd answer just these three questions for me I would be able to write this column with regularity again.

The above paragraph does not apply to the faithful crew who at least send Christmas cards. Do you remember my redheaded roommate from freshman year? **Carolyn Jernigan** *Brown and her husband, Bruce, are enjoying their life in Washington D. C.* **Colleen O'Rear** *Lewis writes from Vienna, that husband Bob has his private pilot license and is having a ball. Bobby, their high school senior, does his flying on the highway! Tim is in the 10th grade and has made Star Scout and Kathleen is a piano player who just started Girl Scouts.* **Linus Harper** *Hovis meets up with more MWC'ers in San Luis Obispo than I do on Long Island. She and* **Carole Kolton** *Bryson got together in San Francisco last year and enjoyed their first meeting since Carole's wedding in '57! Linnis says you haven't changed a bit, Carole! Now, there's a friend!!* **Kay Purdy** *Cook, '58, is another lawyer's wife who lives two houses down from Chris.* **Mary Kate Bird** *Dellitt has her oldest, Jack, going off to the University of Illinois School of Architecture in the fall. Jack is their high school's only National Merit Scholar- congratulations, Jack!! Mary Kate loves Oregon— especially the climate. She's been very active with tax studies for the League of Women Voters.* **Dotty Booth** *Sonerstrom is teaching a combined 3rd-4th grade this year and coordinating the educational program at St. Mark's Methodist in Charleston, West Virginia. The Sanders' had a great time with their travel trailer for two summers and sold it just before the energy crunch. Terrific planning, Dotty!!* **Vonnie Dutton** *is working up a storm with the Congregational Church in Tucson, Arizona, as their administrator. She's also President of Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers, Inc. coordinating the teaching of Literacy, English as a second language and home tutoring. And because of their contacts, are also working to provide decent housing, food and jobs for these same people. Vonnie, work on the Post Office next - they returned my letter to you!* **Cathy Pizzuti** *Petraiuola, '56, writes she and the family had a grand time touring Switzerland, France and Germany this past summer. Cathy had extensive surgery in September but is now well on the road to recovery. We're planning on getting together in Connecticut this summer. My big alumni news -* **Pat Seibert** *Siegel, Mike and their three girls came East this summer. It was so great to be with her and Mike, and to meet the girls! We decided we're not getting older, we're getting better!! Isn't it amazing how the years of separation melt when you're with dearheart friends.*

The alumni office sends word that **Virginia Wharton** *Whitmer moved to Greenville, South Carolina, last February.* **Celie Valentine** *Valentine moved on base at Camp Lejeune last October.* **Judy Garret** *Williams moved to a new home in Charlottesville last February.* **Jackie Davies** *Woolfolk is now in Beverly, Mass.* **Charlotte Maxwell** *has a new apartment in Oakland, Calif.* **Laura Milster** *Orville relocated in Silver Spring, Maryland, last April.* **Ann Lovelace** *Trees has come home from overseas and is in Pittsburgh now.* **Kitty Davis** *Moore bought a new home in Richmond last September.* **Jackie Turner** *Qwine is living in Chesapeake, in September.* **Christine Wiley,** *who was with us freshman year, is living in Clinton, New Jersey.* **Mickey Arrington** *St. Clair has a new home in Huntington, West Virginia.*

Can you help us with the addresses for the following girls: **Joan Ferrall** *Shaw,* **Noel Nussey, Laurie Ray** *Reed and* **Peggy Nichols.** *We lost these girls over the last year.*

The Shanhans are buzzin' along just fine. I'm into Girl Scout cookies, P.T.A., and the 40's! But then, aren't we all!!

Phyllis

'56

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Hi Girls:

Very few have written lately to me, so I have very little to share with you this time. **Mary Kurty** *Saltes and Richard have added a third son to their household and even though they were really looking for a daughter, Mary says she wouldn't send him back! Since I have met her two older sons and have seen how beautiful they are, I can assure you that Mary couldn't help but heep him.*

I hope all of you will enjoy Mother's Day, Father's Day, and having the children out of school for the summer and will take advantage of the seashore and the warm summer days. In fact, a lazy, delightful summer is what I wish for all of you..

A detail I would like to stress at this point is the Alumni Association fund drive which ends the last of June. Please, if you have not contributed this year, try to get your check in the mail. The Alumni Association needs our help and without our financial backing the Association will not be able to function as efficiently as it should. It only takes a small amount of your time and believe me, you will feel much better. Let's be first in contributions this year!

I am sending out an annual letter to you with the usual form for you to fill out at the bottom so that we can have some new class news. Please take the time to send it to us. We need your help so drink a glass of iced tea and spend a few minutes sharing yourself with us.

Kay

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Mail to: Alumni Association, Mary Washington College
Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Maiden Name_____
Class_____
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Hi -

Guess who has moved? Me! Busy time, wall to wall junk!

Ed and Cathy Petrainolos, our Connecticut Yankee, spent last summer in Europe.

The Godins (Stuart and Carol Young) also spent time in Europe. They have started construction on their 'dream house' near Jackson, Wyoming. We are going to get Carol and Stu here for our '20th'. . . California isn't that far away. . .

Had a nice note from Sue Knapp *Rudasill. Meade and Sue are living in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, with their two teenagers.*

Susan Sheriff *Ruder and Ernst spent last summer carousing around the British Isles.*

Lou Ann Ashby *Steffey and Jerry will be moving back to the States in July, leaving Hawaii.*

Mary Gale Buchanan *Matthai and Parker spent last summer sailing. M.G. met with* Barbara Strangman *Donovan. She saw* Hermie Cross *Fox in California.* Stokey Saunders *Addison and Buddy were in Baltimore over Thanksgiving, and Mary Gale had a visit from them.*

Ginny Blankenship *Gratz and George went to Spain this fall.*

Mary Ann Bing *Strayer and Lou are still living on Cape Cod. Their travels have taken them to Sweden and Las Vegas. The whole family are accomplished sailors, with Mary Ann being a fisherman to boot. . .*

Teresa Sajeck *Palmer is living in Rector, Pa. She has three children and is a medical technician. Her husband is the chief radiologist at the Lee Hospital in Johnstown, Pa. They are living on a 60 acre farm and enjoying it. Teresa would love to hear from anyone in that area. The address is 'Windswept' - Star Route, Rector, Pennsylvania.*

Anne McCann *Collier has certainly been leading an exciting life in Asia. Bill is a Navy officer aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma City, and they have been to see the sights in Japan, Taipai and Hong Kong.*

Marilyn Platt *Goodlett is now living in California and prefers it to New Jersey. She and Bill have three children, and Bill is with IBM.*

Patricia Dent *Baynes is living in Richmond and is teaching. She has three children.*

Tadsky Turner *Rust and Jack are living in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Both she and Jack are self-employed physical therapists. Between the two of them they have five children.*

Barbara Holland *Salsbuy is living in Charlottesville, with her family. Her husband is a member of the U.Va. faculty. Their home was on the 1973 Garden Week Tour.*

Norman and I spent last summer at our home on Candlewood Lake, in Connecticut. We took the children along with us on our December Caribbean cruise on the S.S. Rotterdam. It was most fun. . .Came back, and moved to Bronxville, New York. Our home is quite large and really keeps me moving.

Would love to hear from all of you real soon. Without your news, we wouldn't have a column.

Charlene

'57

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I was saddened to learn that Bonnie Simon *Kuperschmid passed away March 29, 1974. She attended MWC from 1953 - 1955.*

Dianne Holland *Howe writes that they are back home in Virginia Beach after four years in Annapolis at the Academy. Dianne's husband has taken command of a guided missile destroyer, the U.S.S. Coontz. They have four children.*

That's the extent of my news! We must have been very busy this past winter -- how about sharing your happenings with me?

'58

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'59

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The alumni office received a newsy letter from Marianne Carrano *Raphaely recently. She and Russ returned from 17 days in Spain and Portugal where Russ spoke at a cardiology symposium. Son Chris is now a 4th grader and an avid sportsman. Jim, age 7, is also sports-oriented and loves Indian Guides. Marianne plays tennis, and is still president of the doctor's wives group, vice-president of the P.T.A. and treasurer of the New Jersey Chapter of the MWC Alumni Association.*

'60

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Time for another article already - how quickly the months go by! Our 1974 Homecoming is recently over. Were any of you able to attend? I regret to have had to miss this year, especially as this is the last time for us all to meet with and say farewell to President and Mrs. Simpson. Having had the opportunity to work with Dr. Simpson at various times during my last two years at MWC, I feel a personal loss with his retirement. We all hope for a happy and fulfilling future for Dr. and Mrs. Simpson.

Looking forward to July 1, let us give Dr. Prince Woodard, our newly elected President, a warm welcome. MWC is fortunate to have such a qualified administrator to oversee and carry on with the traditions and the aspirations of the College.

Nancy Moncure *Myers wrote a much appreciated letter at Christmas. Her family has moved to a new home near Mount Vernon. Hammond continues his work with the Air Force and Nancy is still very active doing volunteer work. Their lovely blond children are kept busy with scouting and swim clubs.*

Cary Tilton *Doyle, one of my freshman year roommates, is happily situated in Florida. Thanks for the picture of your good-looking children, Cary.*

Our adventures in South Africa keep us busy as we visit monuments, museums, zoos and small African shops. There are many different tribes here, each of which has its own dress, customs, language and art. We are collecting various paintings and works of art which are making our home look more African than American. Johannesburg, called the City of Gold, is a modern bustling city with many American companies represented here. There is an active American Society that has activities to celebrate major American holidays, a facet which helps the children feel as though they are not missing out.

If any of you went to Homecoming, please send any news so that we can all share it. All letters should reach me by the middle of August so that I can include YOUR news in the next issue.

Liz

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S-Z

Hello All!

Whoopee! We just ratified the Equal Rights Amendment in Maine and I feel great after spending much effort toward that end. The involvement was fun, educational and frightening (I was a 'basket case' as we taped an ETV panel show last October).

My role with the AAUW took me to Washington, D.C., last June and I filled every spare moment with MWC friends. Judy Saunders *Slifer gave me a personal tour of the National Geographic Photographic Laboratory, then entertained me overnight in her Rockville home. The next day I was reminiscing with* Marie Butler *Skalski in Springfield after she met me for a fantastic performance of the Stutgart Ballet at the Kennedy Center. Marie, Frank, and son Christopher were expecting* Margaret Kirksey *Bir and family for a visit upon their return from two years in Germany.*

Judy Slifer should receive the MWC 'Big Sister of the Year' award for still being in regular contact via a continuous three-way letter with both of her 'Little Sisters.' Still writing are Emily Riker *Seaver, '62, from Singapore, and* Suzy Booth *Thurber, '62, from Alabama. Jim mentioned that Suzy and Bob have two sons. Judy has also been in touch with* Barbara Buse *Johnson and her husband, who live in Bowie, Maryland, after several years in Germany. Landscaping around their home and a "modest" miniature garden keep the Slifers busy during the good weather months.*

Another happy 'gardening' couple I stopped off to see for a day was Art and Lloyd Tilton *Backstrom in Powhatan. We had a delightful visit and I found Lloyd still busy with her volunteer work at the museum in Richmond and with the Junior League. The Backstroms are making great strides in the renovating of their estate.*

Living in the same area are Pat Garvin *Dyke, '60, and* Susan Oliver *Duff, '60. Susan has two girls and is teaching fifth grade. Pat has a son and a daughter and had a marvelous trip last March to Italy, Greece and Turkey. Also in Richmond is my cousin,* Carol Howard, *'65. She is a librarian at the city library.*

Just hours after returning home from this exciting trip my suite-mate sophomore year, Lloyd England Simons *and her family stopped in Wilton for an overnight stay on their way back to North Carolina and Harrison's two Episcopal churches in Oxford.*

Renee Skinner *Wheeler is always "sanding old furniture" according to her husband, Skip. They're at Kincheloe Air Force Base in Michigan. From other Christmas cards I know that many of you are "alive and kicking" but you didn't include any news!*

Busy with caring for their husbands, their families and assorted other activities are Aggie Welsh *Eyster,* Beverly Barkley *Weaver and* Lillian McNerney *Arce. Adding an outside job to the above are* Cindy Scott *Morcock,* Pat Scott *Peck and* Diane Delamarre *Madgic, '60.*

A long letter from Ann Hopkins *Burroughs brings lots of news from the West Coast. Ann's "hands are back in the old paint pot and ink well" making posters and banners as Art Chairman for the local P.T.A. in Northredge, California. "My busiest and most rewarding job this year is my girl scout troop. Twenty-two girls from the 4th to the 6th grade. We've been camping. . . I've never camped in my life! . . . Also, I've gotten involved in the L.A. Chapter of the MWC Alumni Association.* Nancy Wright *Wright was*

president and I volunteered to be treasurer so Nancy and I would see each other more often. So what did Nancy do? Move to Pennsylvania. Marilyn 'Mouse' Messier Whitmore lives nearby and she's busy with P.T.A. and her "Sweet Adelines" group and her children which are younger than mine. I do see Sue Lukehart '62 and Dennie Sensabaugh Stansell, '60, our chapter president, quite often. Sue lives here in the valley and is involved in P.T.A. and AAUW. Dodie is in charge of fascinating research projects at UCLA - like marijuana testing, etc. Our BIG news — Dick won us another trip this year. A week in London and we are taking another week to tour Scotland and maybe Ireland. Darcy is in the 4th grade and can't decide whether to be a model, a singer or a baseball player when she grows up. Donny has made our home the haven of every teen- and eight-year-old boy in the neighborhood. Both are animal lovers and we have a collie, four cats and Rascal, a rat! I did see Lynne Wilson Rupert in the spring. She lives in Simi (nearby) and is teaching. I called Linda Lange Senf when we were in San Rafael over Labor Day. She is busy leading ecology causes in that very ecology-minded town.

In December I again was lucky to have a visit with Lynne Williams *in New York City. Lynne's father died last October and I know you all join me in sending Lynne and her mother our deepest sympathy. We had a great time visiting and shopping together and the few days went by all too fast.*

Let us hear from you.

Peggy

Hi Everyone,

Never again will I miss a deadline. . . trying to make Christmas card news sound 'new' in June may be difficult, but it's better than no news at all. . .

At this writing, our unique Derby week in Louisville is just over and spring is in its glory. Kentucky is truly beautiful, especially now, so any of you who would like to visit, please let me know!

Lynn McCarthy *and I had a brief visit together here in April when she came to Louisville from Frankfort. She's enjoying her work with the Kentucky State Department of Child Welfare and she travelled within the U.S.A. quite a bit last year, including visits to her home in Norfolk and then to Disney World. We discussed the April 3rd tornadoes which severely damaged residential areas in both Louisville and Frankfort, and we counted our blessings for having been spared. It missed our house by only 200 yards, but several friends were wiped out. One of the oldest parks in the city was ruined, and* Maugie Landram Roberts' *husband Biff helped establish an organization called Trees, Inc., to raise money to restore Cherokee Park I'm sure Maugie will have a hand in it, too.*

Other recent news came from Clara Sue Durden Ashley, *who lives in McLean, Va., and who has attended several activities of the Fairfax Chapter of the MWC Alumni Association. On February 23, Dean Alvey spoke to the group about his new book. Before the dinner, Clara Sue talked with several classmates in the D.C. area -* Sue Wilson Boling, Mary Gilliam Dodson, Gloria Laughlin Klinger, Sandy Wadlow Mainland, Kathy Russell Newell, Sue Southern Roush, Eleanor Johnson Shapars, Carole Scruggs Sudduth, Susan Deane Tatum, *and* Pat Rucker Sampson, '62. *On May 11 the chapter was to hear* Rose Bennett Gilbert, '60, *who is an editor for the magazine "1001 Decorating Ideas." Clara Sue and Clarence went on the MWC trip to Majorca in November and enjoyed it very much. Her two eldest boys are active in youth football, basketball and baseball. There will be a fourth Ashley child in July!*

Got a lovely photo of Janie Riles Wamsley *and her two girls in ski garb - they've been doing lots of skiing in the French Alps and are still enjoying life in France.*

Another roomie of mine who went skiing at Breckenridge, Colorado, after Christmas is Jean Ryan Farrell. *She and Frank are at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where Frank is attending C&GSC. She is active in teaching Sunday school, doing volunteer work at the School for the Handicapped, and helping on the MIA Commitee. The family photo with their three boys was very good.*

Also heard from Pam Ristori Correll, *who had several changes to report from Stony Brook, Long Island. For one thing, she is teaching kindergarten, and for another, they have put a deposit on waterfront property and plan to build their dream home there, hopefully to move in sometime this year. In addition, they went to Bob's 13th reunion at the Naval Academy in the fall.*

Living in Annapolis is Carlotta Croghan Clark, *who is teaching chemistry and really enjoying it, and she is also helping out in Preston's lighting store. She was to see* Jane Snyder Osmon *over Christmas. Jane was visiting from Racine, Wisconsin, where she lives and teaches.*

Joan Gibson Lippold *is already stirring up* Carole Grant LeMay *and* Ellen Grumbly deGail *for our 15th Reunion! Joan and family are still in Crofton, Maryland, and she teaches in the private school where her girls attend. Her roomie,* Bev Carlson Shea, *sent a darling photo card of her son, Dan, who she says is in those 'terrible twos.' They are enjoying their new home near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, especially since* Nancy Wright Wright *and family moved back East last summer and live only forty minutes from the Sheas in Doylestown. They see and phone each other quite often.*

I received a long letter from Bitsy Wright Coxe, *my sophomore roomie who dropped out of MWC after that year. She has returned to the academic world, working very hard toward her degree in American Studies at Goucher College. Her boys, aged 10 and 7, think it's great that she's back in school, and I might add, so do I! When she finishes at Goucher, she and the boys may move in closer to the city of Baltimore (from Phoenix, Md.) where she can aim at a master's degree from Johns Hopkins, as well as partake more readily in things that the city offers. Bitsy's roomie freshman year,* Dee Doran Cairns *sent a lovely family photo from their new home in Montgomery, Alabama, where Doug is at Maxwell AFB going to C&SC and getting his masters in political science as well. They have found many old friends there, including* Jeanie Patton Wood, '63, *who was in Betty Lewis when Dee was a freshman counselor. Dee's daughter Cathy (age 11) is as tall as Dee, and Rob is 8. They hope to be able to see more of Jim and* Patty Cairns Hourin *who are living in New Orleans. Jim has added law school to his flying activities and Patty stays busy keeping up with her four menfolk, the youngest of whom is Scotty, 25 pounds of one-year-old energy!*

The South has called another classmate, Sara Frosterman Brown, *who in July, 1973, settled her family into their fifth new house, this time in Marietta, Georgia, near Atlanta. Their three children have adjusted beautifully from learning to talk 'northern' in Marlton, New Jersey, to having to learn 'southern' all over again. Sara believes she'll have to write a book on establishing new yards on the East Coast.*

I received the annual amusing Christmas letter from Sarah Leigh Kinberg *who is really busy with life in Stockton, Calif. The highlight of the year was a three week trek to the East Coast, including a visit to home in Norfolk. While there, she managed to see* Kathy Calhoun Higgins, *whose first baby,* Heather Marie, *was overdue but waited to be born after Sarah left! She also talked to* Sylvia Garland Wickwire, *who has since moved to Taylors, S.C., where Bob is working for Texize Chemicals. Among many other activities, Sarah's entire family enjoys skiing. Tom is very active with his job in the F.B.I. and must be in great physical shape with all the training he does.*

Not having heard from Hank and Charlotte Howard *Austin in a long time, I was glad to receive their news. When Hank returned from Okinawa in August, 1972, they sold their house in Beaufort, S.C., and bought a new one in Virginia Beach. Hank is with the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic Staff. Charlotte is busy with the three children, Edward, 8, Paige, 5, and Brian, 3, with Cub Scouts, school library, bowling, sewing, and yardwork.*

I also got a Christmas card from Mary Hatcher, *who is still in Fayetteville, N.C. I hope you send some news next time, Mary! That also goes for* Georgie Georgeou Rahnias, *who lives in Helmdel, N.J!*

Also in New Jersey, at 46 Phelps Ave., New Brunswick, 08901, are Cliff and Eleanor Knight Jensen. *Cliff is still with Union Carbide in N.Y.C. and Eleanor is with U.C.C.-Linde in South Plainfield, New Jersey. She*

HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY GRADUATE STUDIES?

The Alumni Office is trying to compile data on MWC graduates who have earned or who are working toward advanced degrees. Please, if you are in graduate school or already have completed degree requirements for post-baccalaureate work, let us know by filling in the form below and sending it to: MWC Alumni Office, Box 1315 College Station, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22401.

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(Please list degree, field of study, school and date of completion)

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would love to hear from her old roomie **Judith Bressler.**

Barbie Upson *Gravely writes from Wilmington, Del., that all is well and happy with them. Meg loves 1st grade and Bobby is a busy 4-year-old. I believe I recognized Barbie in the photo on page 5 of the February 'MWC TODAY,' along with* **Patsy Hilgartner Bruckner,** *working on procedures for selection of recipients for Regional Scholarships to MWC. Keep up the good work, girls! This is just one important aspect of the Alumni Association, and there are other needs of the College, too, so I hope that all of you have contributed your share – every little bit helps.*

Sandee Judkins *Armitage and husband Bob added a third daughter to their family in 1972. The family photo taken in Hawaii, where her parents live, was lovely. Their other two girls are 11 and 9. It's Lisa, Lori and Leslie, in descending age order. Their home is still in Brookfield, Conn.*

Those two Hodgkins boys get better looking every year - this year's photo was on a bicycle built for two, somewhere in Wilton, Me. **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** *is very busy with A.A.U.W. work and playing indoor tennis once a week.*

I enjoyed hearing from **Linda Lang** *Senf from San Rafael, Calif. Her oldest, Tommy, 8, is an avid sports participant and Robby, 3, is an animal lover. Tom is still with V.C.B. and soon will be head of their Corporate Services Department for Northern California. They go camping at Lake Tahoe and in October they toured the Southwest and thought it was beautiful. Linda, as you would expect, is active in several things, one thing being the new editor of the little local newspaper, 'The Valley Vibrations.'*

It was great hearing from **"Pepper" Jacobs** *Germer about life in Texas City,' Texas. Her year was filled with many good times and blessings and familiar motherly duties that all of us share. Some of their highlights were an unusual weather happening, snow, for the first time in 100 years, a visit with Hank's parents in San Antonio and with Pepper's mother, and a summer vacation to the Southwest and to Southern California. Also, she's retired from teaching kindergarten to become a full-time wife and mother. Her letter was much longer, as were many of the others I received from you all. I hope I haven't left out something that you felt was more significant. I do enjoy hearing from you, and I thank you for writing, but there are still many classmates from whom we have heard nothing lately. Please write to any of our four class agents - some have complained they have no news to print! If any of you would like to become a class agent, please let me know, for perhaps is we have more class agents, we will hear about more alumni. The next deadline is probably September.*

The Logothetis' have had a very busy year. Right after the new year, Andy and I went on our annual ski vacation to Taos, N.M., and like Linda and Pepper, I found the Southwest fascinating and beautiful. Indoor tennis a few times a week, club activities, keeping up with the house and the children, etc., have occupied most of my time since then. And on May 25 we will leave for Greece for a four week vacation and visit with Andy's family, our first visit with Michael, aged three and a half. My mother will be along, too. Elaine had a good year in kindergarten and is eager to enter the 1st grade in September.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer!

Connie

'62

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My news this issue is brief and comes from only three of you who took the time to write a note. **Alice Eckenrode** *Alkire and Bill have been living in Leesburg for about a year now and just love their small town and lovely scenery. Bill is with HRB Singer in Reston as a senior engineer while Alice keeps herself busy with bowling, golfing, bridge and the Junior Woman's Club. Their two daughters, Susan and Pam are in first grade and nursery school. Alice sent along news of several classmates who wrote her during the Christmas holidays.* **Anne Radway** *Atchley is now living in Madras, India where her husband is stationed with the State Department. Anne recently welcomed a daughter into the family to join their three boys.* **Cindy Whitaker** *Finnelly, Bob and daughters, Erin and Heather, are now settled in a new home in Pompton Plains, N.J.* **Mary Alice Christmas** *Richardson, Wayne, Heather and Edward are still way up there in Cavalier, N. and plan to be there a while longer.* **Sally Sutherland** *is in Manakin Sabot where she is busy teaching, raising horses and breeding dogs.* **Mary Russell** *is also continuing her teaching career with brain damaged children in Greenbelt, Md.* **Tom** *and* **Elaine Calvani** *Clark are in New Jersey with their two boys. Alice also mentioned that Mrs. Helen Whitlock, whom many of you student teachers may remember was the principal at Walker Elementary, has retired to Haywood and is well and substitutes occasionally. Alice, thank you so much for all your news and please do write soon.*

I received another long newsy letter from **Linda Brownfield** *Townsend and believe it or not she is back at MWC only this time as a member of the faculty. Her official title is Professional Assistant to the Director of the Counseling Center were she works directly with Mrs. Kelly whom we all remember in the psychology department. Linda has a Masters in Child Development and Family Relations and had been working towards a doctorate in Counseling at the University of Georgia when she came to MWC. She is actively involved in the campus activity already and has set up a program with Miss Droste for training Freshman Counsellors. She says she loves being back on the lovely MWC campus again and hopes to renew many old friendships. Her office is in Hamlet House so any of you who get back, please please drop by and see her. Many thanks for writing, Linda, and do keep us up to date on what's new at MWC.*

My last note was from **Gayle Harris Stevens** *who now has two daughters with the arrival in September of Rebecca. Alicia is now three. Gayle and Tom are living in Rock Hill, S.C.*

This year has been super busy for me but it has been a most rewarding one as president of my Junior Woman's Club. I have also joined ranks of Brownie Leaders and love every minute. I'm looking forward to a relaxing summer with a possible trip to Louisville, Ky. Don't know the exact date of my next deadline but it will probably be in September so do drop me a note by late August just to be sure.

Linkey

'64

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Going back to MWC for tenth reunion was as if I'd never left - or that I'd been there light years before. The buildings are the same and the girls (women!) sunbathe on Saturday afternoon. However, there are men on campus, beer in the C Shoppe and a different spirit on campus. There was definitely a feeling of change (progress!) and yet there are intangibles that I feel will remain.

It was really super seeing so many of our classmates. We numbered over 50 returnees and I must say we're a much better looking group than we were ten years ago. Those gangly, gawky girls have grown into a very attractive group of women. We came from near and far. **Betty Gregory** *Wickersham traveled from Bakersfield, Calif., and* **Anne Lindy Lynch** *came all the way from Phoenix, Ariz. Anne is expecting her second child in June. She and Bob have a daughter, Betsy, 4.* **Ronda Ellis** *Smith, who is expecting in June, was there. She and her husband have a son, Kevin, who will be three in June.* **Linda Jones** *Peterson was there with her little boy, who is three. The Petersons are expecting a second child in the near future.*

I also talked to **Becky Spears** *Wright. She and her husband have one son and live in Norfolk.* **Helen Vakos** *Standing was also there. She and Mike have two children and live in Va. Beach.* **Carole Sue Shelton** *and her husband were there. They have three boys and live in Va. Beach. They are in the process of restoring an 18th Century house whose kitchen was featured in 'Progressive Farmer' this year.*

Patti Moore *Farmer came from Mass. with her husband, Mike, and her son, Colin, born in October, 1973. Another October baby was* **Margaret Roe's** *little boy who came with his mother. He and Dorsey Timothy, our baby, were both born on October 18, 1973.* **Carol Majer Smith** *made it for the day. Carol gave birth to her third child, a second girl, in March. I think she may have set some sort of record by attending.* **Linda Reading Pullen** *was there from N.J.* **Susan Armistead** *Evangeliou came from Conn.*

I really enjoyed seeing **Pat Prewitt** *Pauswinski whom I hadn't talked to since 1967 when we were both taking education courses at R.I. College in Providence (Pat got her M.Ed. in Reading in 1968). Pat's husband has just started his medical practice in Manassas and Pat is helping him out. She was there with Rhonda and* **Lani Cayot** *Clarke who lives in Columbia, Md.*

Lynne Rowland Bagg, *who live in Manhattan, was there looking as if she had just stepped out of a fashion magazine.* **Jo Morgan Willis** *attended. She says she came to Fredericksburg in 1960 and never left. Her husband, Mark, is an attorney in F'burg. Jo is very active in civic affairs.* **Judith Finger Bradley** *claims to have "cleaned up her act." I'm not sure, but Judy is still alot of fun to be with. Also talked to* **Joan Tuohig** *Hazen, who lives in Chatham, N.J.*

Lunch was served at Brompton, which is still breathtakingly beautiful. Seen at lunch were **Connie Marsh** *Pollard with her baby girl and* **Martha Hanks Cooper** *who has three children, Mrs. McGinnis came by, collected our glasses, and told us she had to get cleaned up. She's a bit grayer, but otherwise unchanged.*

At dinner, I enjoyed talking with **Ginny Lucas Shearin** *and Charles and* **Bobbie Maiden Stegman** *and her husband, John.*

Also in attendance from the Class of 1964 were Roberta Klar *Lavin*, Kay Rogers *Sheppard*, Judy Bailey *Givins*, Jean Chewning *Reyman*, Linda Rudd *Davis*, Sharon Haythorne *Stack*, Pamela Dickson *Rumberger*, Robin Frantz *Ahrens*, Edna Knight *Roberts*, Sandra Eastridge *Plummer*, Caroline Ridgely *Hayden*, Judith Presson *Anderson*, Sharon Belknap *Brown*, Carole Whitehead *Bolt*, Mary Ann Monaco, Barbara Coulter *Kordian*, Jane Cloe *Simms*, Mary Ann Denham, Pamela Ames *Mueller*, Jeanne Klix *Hazelwood*, Carolyn Smith, Lea Fuqua *Simphins*, Dianne Smith *Finnegan*, and Verna Carlson *Hawk*.

I received the following note from Medera Powell *Fahnestock, who understandably was not able to attend: "Dale and I now have five children with a sixth due in September. Dale continues to work at Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland where he manages the Operations Branch which tracks and receives data from all unmanned spacecraft."*

It was a good reunion. Let's plan on doing it again in 1979. If you came this year, plan to come back and if you didn't come this time, start planning now to make it. I have found being your class agent a real pleasure and I thank you for letting me serve. The new agents are Linda Reading *Pullen*, Helen Vakos *Standing*, Lynne Rowland *Bagg*, and Sandy Harris *King. Either write directly to them or in care of the Alumni Office. Do give them your your active support by writing. It is from your notes that this column is written and without them, there is nothing from our class. Write us about your triumphs, great and small, or just your daily routine. What may appear dull to you is interesting to others. Do have a happy, healthy, prosperous year.*

Ruth

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Sorry I didn't write in January, but I was visiting Mary Ann Pyne *White for several weeks. The visit was delightful, but I saw enough cold weather to last me for quite a while. Carl returned home from Okinawa in February and the Whits have moved to Irwin, Penn., where Carl has a reserve unit of the Marines in Connellsville. Not only does Courtney, 4, have a new home to be excited about, but she is also looking forward to a new brother or sister in August.*

A new baby has already arrived to one of my senior roommates, for on April 5th Candy Schumacher *Jepsen and Moe became the parents of a daughter, Kirsten. Kirsten was only six weeks old when her parents moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil. They will be there for at least a year. Since Moe works for Air Products, an international company, this will be the first of many moves for the Jepsen family.*

I heard through Carol Simmons *van der Kieft, '68, that* Laurie Steinmeyer *Stallings, '72, and Jim have recently returned from Brazil and are now living in Charlottesville where Jim is an engineer-technical writer for Sperry-Marine. Laurie is busy being a mother to Kathyn Elizabeth, born November 15, 1973, and as apartment manager for a unit of town-houses. Meanwhile, Carol and Mike have again moved. This time Kodak sent them to Metairie, La., a suburb of New Orleans. They were only in Atlanta a year, and though they enjoyed it there, they are now hooked on New Orleans (who wouldn't be?).*

I misplaced the Christmas card from Marcia Heilman *Clarke, '67, so I hope I can correctly relate her news. They are now in Anne Arundel Co., Md., where Terry is a Forester with a state park. Marcia is teaching and working with mentally retarded children. Besides misplacing cards, I lost contact with some people, like* Julie Bondurant *Freeman. Where are you, Julie?*

Recently received a letter from Martha Watson *Scmidt, '68, with pictures of her two children. Mary Melissa is two and John is only five months old, and both are adorable. Martha and Joe are still in Pensacola, Fla., where Joe is a flight instructor for the Navy.*

I received some news via the Alumni Office which I will pass on to you. Vera Wilson *Wenzel and John have a new daughter, Anne Lillian, who was born October 5, 1973. Their other daughter, Sarah, is now four years old.* Nancy Dean *Wolff and Noel have moved to Marysville, Wash., a suburb of Seattle. Noel has left the USAF for a job with Scott Paper Company. Their daughter, Michelle, is now two years old.*

Winnie Woodson sent a note which I will quote. "Just experienced my second earthquake in as many months, but still love living in Northern California as a teacher of Obs Neul Fer, an experihental infant program. Heard from Ann Martin *Allen; she's expecting. I'm very active right now in "old music," having purchased a harpsichord and playing recorder. Would love to hear from* Sandy Pearson."

Do any of you remember Jean Haley? *She was a languages major and left after her sophomore year. I hadn't heard from her in six years; one day she called me at my folks'. What a shock! Jean has been living in Northern California, working for Singer Co. She has traveled extensively in the West and to Mexico and Hawaii. She plans to move to the East Coast this summer, but first hopes to travel to some of the South Pacific Islands.*

As for me, Sara and I will be moving to my folks' for the summer. Clyde returns from Okinawa in mid-August and we have tentative orders for Georgia (again!). This time we are going to Albany. Hope you all have a good summer.

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Imagine my surprise to find another MWC graduate right here in Iowa! Karen 'Kay' Johnson *Brown, my junior year suitemate, is living in Des Moines where Jim is an attorney with the State Department of Environmental Quality. Kay worked as a speech therapist with the school system until March. By now she should be the proud mother of their first child. I haven't made it up to Des Moines for a visit yet, but now that spring is beginning to appear in this frozen country we certainly will pay a visit to the Browns and their new offspring.*

Vaughan Smith *Cooper wrote from Montgomery, Alabama, where Jack was in three months training at Maxwell AFB. While Jack was in classes, Vaughan kept busy working at the pharmacy, as well as being involved in many social functions.*

Norma McNair *Sheap wrote that she, husband Kirk, and four-year-old Stephanie will be living in Charlottesville for another year until Kirk finishes his residency in dermatology. Then it's into the Army for two years.*

Norma hasn't heard from her MWC roommate, Barbara Claytor *Amlicke since last June when Barbara reported the birth of their son. It seems we've all lost contact with Barbara, so if anyone has her current address, please pass it along.*

Norma also wrote that she talked with Linda Atherton *Gerstenmeier over the Christmas holidays. She and husband Sandy live in Dale City, Va. Sandy works for Travelers Insurance Company. Linda keeps busy with their two children: William, 3½, and Charlotte, 2.*

Sam and Betty Elmore *Picus live near the Sheaps in Charlottesville. Betty received a law degree from U. Va. in 1972 and works as a legal editor for the Mitchie Company there.*

Also living in Charlottesville are John and Linda Sargent *Kaufman. Since John is also a dermatology resident, the Kaufmans and the Sheaps get together socially on occasions. John will finish his residency in June and then he and Linda will be moving to the Air Force Base in Wiesboden, West Germany, in July.*

Linda visited with Mary Judson *Devereaux over Christmas. Mary, husband Bill, and son Kevin are living in Rossiyn, where Bill is with an architectural firm.*

Joan Pervier *Bollenbacher is now living in Okinawa. The Navy transferred Bob there in January.*

Linda Heath *Sykes visited New Orleans in April and spent much of the time fighting the measles! She and Mike are planning a trip to San Francisco this summer. Hope things work out better this time.*

Both Linda Thomas *Boxley and* Linda Wells *Gage have gotten the house-hunting bug. Linda and Bruce Boxley are looking for a house or land in the Spotsylvania area. Tony and Linda Gage have plans to build a home near Williamsburg.*

Johnnie and I are looking for a house, too, but only to rent. The Army doesn't let us settle down long enough to buy a home. With the tornado season upon us, I'm anxious to get out of this trailer and into a real house.

Jobs in this area are scarce, but I finally found a part-time job working in the composing room of the daily newspaper. I've never done anything like it, but it certainly is interesting.

I appreciated all the letters I received from my faithful correspondents the last couple of months, but there must be more of you out there. While it's on your mind, why not pull out the paper and pen and let me know what you've been up to? I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

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Jody Reed *Hamberger has been appointed a writer for the Manufacturing Chemists Assoc. Prior to her appointment Jody was employed as a legislative researcher on the staff of Sen Clifford P. Hansen (R. - Wyo.). She has an M.A. in urban planning from George Washington University's School of Government, and is currently working on an additional graduate program in international affairs.*

Christopher Anne Wright *attended graduate school in English at the University of South Florida. She is currently a staff feature writer with the 'Tampa Tribune' and teaches freshman English at the University of Tampa.*

Kathleen O'Neill *has been appointed an attorney for the Air Transport Association of America, an industry trade association. She was named to the position after serving with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as an attorney in the Commission's Bureau of Compliance. She received her law degree from George Washington University in 1973.*

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Greetings from sunny California!

Due to an excess of duties and responsibilities, Charlotte Settle *Lees has asked me to pick up the pen and act as one of the class agents. Hopefully I'll meet your expectations and keep you informed of the 'happenings' of our classmates.*

Marv and I have been quite fortunate to cross paths with several alumni in this area. Charlotte Settle *Lees, as you know, resides in Fallbrook. They are expecting orders in June and it looks like Bob will be sent to Camp Pendleton. Thus Charlotte will be able to keep active in this area. For Charlotte being constantly busy is a way of life. She is presently serving as clerk of vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Fallbrook. She is once again going as a delegate to a convention for the diocese of San Diego. Charlotte doesn't limit her work to church affairs, but also assumes such duties as advancement chairman for a Cub Scout pack; Hospital Chairman for the Red Cross , and Bob has even managed to have her serve as a scorer for his Little League team. Now you can fully understand why she asked me to take over her column.*

Charlotte passed on news of several of our friends and even a former professor. She ran in to Judy Henderson *Roundtree. Search back through your memory book and think of frosh swimming at MWC and you might remember Judy as your instructor.*

Bill and Kay Samuels *Rogers have some great news. They now have a little girl, Shelley Melinda, born in February. Bill has a job with the California Department of Fish and Game in Sacremento. If you're in the area, look them up!*

Several of our classmates have had additions to their families. Bill and Monica Pripeton *Arbacas announced the arrival of William Vincent III, alias 'Chip', on November 9, 1973. Unfortunately, the proud father wasn't able to be around too long, as the Marines sent him to Iwakuni, Japan in early December. Knowing Monica, though, the letters about and the pictures of 'Chip' are flooding the mails. Monica did inform us that they're planning a reunion in June. What a happy time that will be!*

Monica relayed news that Karen Kuhn *married Cdr. Richard Hartnagel in March. Dick and Karen are heading to Morocco in June for a two year tour of duty.*

Christal Ott *married O.M. Wood on January 20, 1974. They are now in St. Petersburg, Fla., where O.M. is a geophysicist and Christal is working as a librarian.*

Norah Fox *Henry wrote us a note at Christmas letting us know she was married last September. She and John are still at Kent State where they are both working on their Ph.D.'s in Geography.*

Barbara Bruce *dropped us a line. She finished her master's in social work and is now ready to begin her new career. She'll be joining Jim Sellman in Tenn., where he'll be interning. Barbara and Jim will be married this month. Keep in touch, Barbara, and let us know your new address.*

It seemed that we heard from so many of you at Christmas. Thank goodness for the holidays and the renewal of correspondence. Peggy Coon Brown *and husband Doug are happy in Pennsylvania. Doug is plugging away as a lawyer. They are building a home in Hershey, Pa.*

Sharon Long *is still residing in North Carolina and is, as last reported, conducting research in chemistry. I'm sure that if you are passing through Durham, Sharon would love to hear from you.*

Dee Toulsen *Blumstedt is still working in N.Y.C. while Jeffrey is completing med. school at Columbia. Dee has taken advantage of the University and began her master's program shortly after we graduated from MWC. Jeffrey should be finishing up soan. What are your plans, Dee?*

Another classmate we see frequently is Jan McNiel *Holcomb. Bill is stationed at Santa Ana and is still enjoying flying around even though the smog is a problem. Jan'is still working but has changed jobs and is now working for the social work department of Orange County. It's a miracle that Jan and I ever get a chance to talk for she is also back in school working on her master's in public administration. We never know what new area Jan will tackle next. How many of us have taken scuba diving lessons and are now embarking on karate? Watch out for Jan!*

Betsy Griggs *Karpin is back in Fredericksburg with her husband Ron. New Jersey didn't quite fulfill their expectations and Virginia is a beautiful state to settle in.*

You are probably wondering when I will close - it's coming! I'm writing all the news I can now for come next deadline I'm afraid my hands will be kept busy. Marv and I have enjoyed our daughter Tammy so much that we wanted another child - so come August look for another birth announcement in the mail. We had wanted to take advantage of the fantastic hospital services in California - Marv was with me and helping all the way as Tammy was born! It looks like we just made the wire for transfer orders are in the wind and it looks like we'll be posting a 'For Sale' sign in the fall. If you're planning on heading west, hurry, for we'd love to see you.

Take care, all of you, and please help us out by keeping in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

Jan

It has been quite some time since I have received any news, but now a few people have written.

Pamela Rave *Hall is working as a 'New Accounts Secretary' for the Bank of Virginia. Her job is varied and she seems to enjoy working with the many people she comes in contact with.*

Gail M. McDonald *was married April 6, 1974, to John E. Reed of Wilmington, Del. Gail wrote that a son, Daryl Thomas, was born to* Sheryl Godfrey *Carr and her husband Warren on December 28, 1973. They are living in Winston-Salem, N.C.*

Holly Dinger *Paradis and Emile are living in Bangor, Me. Holly is teaching the fifth grade, and Emile attends the University of Maine.*

Gayle Franklin *Hawkins and Ti are living in New Castle, Del., where she teaches and Ti attends the University of Delaware.*

Carol Matthews *Engel spent an enjoyable Christmas with her husband Richard in Puerto Rico. He is due to return in the summer from duty there.*

Florence Moses *wrote that she was married August 19, 1973, to David Williams. He is in school at George Mason University. Florence is teaching geometry and math in Nokesville.*

Joy Ragland *Martin and Tom are living in New Haven where Tom is in Yale's Divinity School. Joy works at the University.*

Christine Cosgrove *moved to Boston to attend the New England School of Law. She lived in Washington, D.C., where she studied dance.*

I have been teaching the fifth grade again this year. In June we are anticipating a move to Richmond where Rob will be working for J.K.Timmons. I hope all of you will have a pleasant and a relaxing summer, and I look forward to hearing from you for the September article.

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Hello, Classmates!

Just returned from Homecoming!

Brenda Franklin and Marilyn Pucillo *(who were also there from our class) and I took our last tour through Brompton with President and Mrs. Simpson as the gracious hosts. It just won't seem the same without those two smiling their welcome at the door.*

Marilyn is teaching English/Drama in Hampton and Brenda handles quality assurance for Grumman Aerospace in Bethpage. My two chief sources report that Ann Fansler *is a librarian at Warren City High School, her alma mater in Front Royal.* Karen Kuecker Smalley *and husband are still in Germany. How lucky!* Carol Freda *is teaching at the Langley AFB school in Hampton, and* Vicki Silek *works for the North Carolina Central Library in Burlington.*

These are happy days for Robin Palmer - *she will marry Richard Williams August 10! Both Robin and Richard presently teach in Hampton. I'm still teaching fourth grade in Alexandria, and have big plans for a trip to California this summer. In fact, Brenda left straight from Homecoming for a business/ vacation jaunt to San Diego! While out there she planned to visit* Jeanne Helmandollar Holzmann.

My roommate Patty Young *writes that* Carol Pincavage *plans to be married this summer. Patty saw* Jane Reilly *in Richmond in September and reports that Jane "looks good!"* Signe Pabst *White called and said that little Michael is growing unbelievably fast! Just this week I bumped in to* Linda Ryan *while shopping at Springfield Mall. She looks grand, is active involved in the theater, and is a secretary in Washington, D.C.*

Ruth Foster *writes that she is "happy and living well in the Shenandoah Valley." In addition to caring for her two dogs, four cats, one Guinea pig, and two gerbils, Ruth teaches grades one and two, and has learned the art of breadmaking. Bravo, Ruth!*

Had a nice letter from Juli Doggett *Good. She and Bill were married January 8 of our senior year and have been living in Oak Park, Ill. Juli says she misses the warm South! She worked for a year and a half as an assistant to a marriage counselor, but now works for an association while waiting for admittance into grad school for psychology.*

A card from Susan Palmer Bender *announced her marriage to Lt. (j.g.) John P. Bender on November 24, 1973, in Annapolis, Md.*

While participating in the Fairfax Chapter's telethon to raise money for the Alumni Association, I happened upon several classmates who live in the area. Dodie Driscoll *finished grad work in PT at the University of Pennsylvania in September, and since October she has been a physical therapist at the Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton. This spring, lucky Dodie attended a PT conference in Montreal. Dodie tells me that* Beth Conrad *is working for NASA in Alexandria.*

From her mother I learned that Mary McFadyen Hallburton *was married to Bruce on December 16, 1972. She is in graduate school in biology at Virginia Tech and does lab work for Dr. Parker, who is involved in Antartic expositions!*

I also spoke to Denny Daunt. *She loves teaching third grade in the year-round schools in Dale City. She tells me that* Chris Gebs *(who resides with her Navy husband in Pensacola, Fla.) is expecting in August! Denny also reports that* Jamelle Ameen *was married last July in Calif., and that* Penny Keller *and* Martha Laws *both teach in Hampton - Penny the seventh grade and Martha in high school math.*

What are the rest of you up to? Write and let us know!

Kitty

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Here it is, a year since we've graduated. That's hard to believe, isn't it? So much has happened during this year. I got a real newsy letter from Chris Negrey *Azevdo. She and Larry were married on November 24, 1973 in Arlington, Va. They live in Fairfax where Chris works as a technical secretary for the General Research Corporation in Rosslyn.* Susie Cahill *is teaching for VISTA in Puerto Rico and loves it.* Elin Adamson *Havilla married Bob in Punxsutaway, Pa., in July, 1973. They now live in Fredericksburg where Elin teaches music.* Jean Farris *and* Cheryl Harris *are finishing up their masters programs in speech pathology at U.Va.*

Pat Watts *is engaged to Skip Doty , and all of you can imagine how excited I am about this. I am going to be her matron of honor.* Anne Gray Jones *Fuller was married to Steve on June 22, 1973, in Virginia Beach. I was a bridesmaid for her and everything was beautiful. It was great to see some college friends again.*

Loretta Ratkus *moved to Bradford, Mass., in April and she is continuing work with the IRS. Her address is 13C Forest Acres Drive, Bradford, Mass., 01830.*

As for myself, this summer I am typing for a firm. Of course I will be back to teaching in the fall, but we must keep the money coming in to live with all the high prices - quite a difference from college life!

That's about all the news. I hope you have a fun summer!

Susie

The first year since graduation has passed by quickly. It's been an exciting year, a busy one for us all. I only wish I'd heard from more of you in the last year.

The summer will bring some exciting changes to a few of our fellow MWC alumni. Nancy Baughan *will be working at the Governor's School at MWC. She will be living in the dorm as a counselor, as well as working on the recreational activities of this program. Nancy is teaching math in Stafford and living in Fredericksburg with* Sharon Richmond. *Sharon was recently elected vice president of the Fredericksburg Chapter of the MWC Alumni Association.*

Mary Sue Warren *was married to Robert Wimer in early spring. They are living here in Fredericksburg and Mary Sue is teaching in the county school system. Wedding plans are also in the making for* Jeanne Coates; *July will be her special month.*

I really wish I had more news to share with you, but unfortunately news has been slow in coming. I plan to stay here in Fredericksburg and my address will remain the same. Please drop me a note and let me know what you have been doing and what your future plans are. I know I've said this before, but I'll say it again: this is a joint effort. Without your help and news, we can't keep the news flowing, so please write!

P.S. Ann Elizabeth Collins *wrote from California that she has moved to that state. Her youngest sister Debbie entered the University of California at Irvine as a dance major, but is presently taking advantage of an opportunity to study in Europe. Ann is working part-time and is going to school and looks forward to going to Europe this summer with her mother.*

Susan Regan

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Late News

Just before press time for this issue, the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors held another quarterly meeting.

Highlighting the discussion of personnel matters at the meeting were the namings of Rachel Benton as Professor Emeritus of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Henry Hewetson as Professor Emeritus of Economics and Political Science, and Grellet C. Simpson as President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of English.

Other Board action included the appointment of five new faculty members and the announcement of a substantial scholarship fund received by the College. The Board also approved a $6,725,000 budget for the College for the 1974-1975 fiscal year.

Miss Benton, Mr. Hewetson and Mr. Simpson have previously announced their intentions to retire. *(See related stories, pages 1 - 4 in this issue).*

The honorary title, Professor Emeritus, is conferred by the College's Board of Visitors on retiring faculty members of long and distinguished standing at the College. At present, there are 22 emeritus members of the faculty of Mary Washington College.

New members of the faculty elected by the Board are Miss Nancy Louise Beachley, as Instructor and Professional Librarian, Mrs. Amy M. Hale, as Instructor in Social Work, Mrs. Janet O. Minihan, as Instructor in History, Mr. Aniano Pena, as Assistant Professor of Modern Foriegn Languages, and Mr. Robert Thomas Soppelsa as Instructor in Art.

Miss Beachley, who has received her master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina, has recently served as cataloguer for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., and has taught at the University of North Carolina and at Chatham Hall, a private school for girls in Chatham, Va.

Mrs. Hale, who has worked with various social work agencies around the country, has most recently been a supervisor of an office of the Prince William County Welfare Department in Manassas, Va. A native of Winter Park, Fla., she took both her undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Minihan, a summa cum laude graduate of Bryn Mawr College, took her master's studies at the Columbia University, where she is currently completing study for her doctoral degree. A native of New York City, she has been a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and has received a Herbert Lehman Fellowship from the New York Department of Education.

Mr. Pena, a native of Burgos, Spain, will be instructing in Spanish. A recipient of a master's degree from Temple University and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, he has taught Spanish for the past four years at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Soppelsa, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, received his B.A. in International Studies from New York University. After serving in the Peace Corps in Africa, he began as a lecturer at Queensboro College, New York, and has since been a graduate teaching assistant at Ohio State University.

The Board of Visitors also announced the promotion of Nikola M. Nikolic from Associate Professor to Professor of Physics, and it accepted the resignation of Mr. Paul B. Manchester, Assistant Professor of Economics and Political Science and member of the College faculty for three years.

The Board announced that a scholarship fund of $750,000 has been received from a group of anonymous donors. The fund is the largest ever received by the College for the purpose of providing scholarships.

The Board said that the monies and securities which comprise the gift will for the time being be added to the Pooled Endowment Fund of the College which is administered by Wheat Advisory Services in Richmond.

In other fiscal matters, the Board adopted an overall annual budget of approximately $6,725,000 for the College for the 1974-1975 fiscal year. This represents an increase of $473,000 over the budget for the current year, and involves all costs for the education program, physical plant operation, and residential services.

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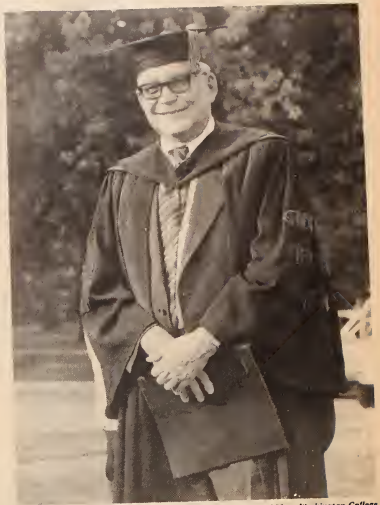

Dr. Simpson oversees his final Commencement as President of Mary Washington College

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